

Searching for Text in MongoDB

CREATING A SIMPLE TEXT QUERY



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What We Are Going to Do:
Do You Remember the Movie About the Band?

The End Result

```
> db.rent.find({$text: {$search: "spacious", $caseSensitive: true}}, {"name":1, "description":1,
"price":1, "_id":0, score: {$meta: "textScore"}}).sort({score: {$meta:
"textScore"}}).limit(1).pretty()
{
  "name" : "Private bath ❤️2 beds❤️Modern Home 2 in Times SQ",
  "description" : "My apartment is spacious and brand new  with new electronics and
furnitures ) . surrounded by restaurants and bars, blocks away from Times SQ.  This private
room has a  private and spacious bathroom, one queen size bed and full size bed. /
Spacious and VERY cozy beds / Very RESPONSIVE hosts that live next door / Spacious
living room and kitchen  No elevator. 3 flights up.  No more than 2 suitcases per person.",
  "price" : "$120.00",
  "score" : 1.0208333333333333
}
```

The \$text Evaluation Operator

```
> db.rent.findOne()
{
  "_id" :
ObjectId("5e8936cd6347c0057a053363"),
  "id" : 2060,
  "listing_url" : "https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/2060",
  "scrape_id" :
NumberLong("20200313233810"),
  "last_scraped" : "2020-03-14",
  "name" : "Modern NYC",
  "price" : "$100",
  "space" : "Lovely, spacious, sunny 1 BR apartment in 6th Floor elevator building steps from gorgeous Fort Tryon Park/The Cloisters ....",
  "experiences_offered" : "none",
  "neighborhood_overview" : "",
  ...
}
```

An Example Document

◀ # Listing URL

◀ # The neighborhood

◀ # Price!

◀ # Description

Searching for a Neighborhood

```
> db.rent.find({"neighbourhood_cleansed":  
"Tribeca"}).count()  
193  
> db.rent.find({"neighbourhood_cleansed":  
"TribeCa"}).count()  
0
```

◀ # Without "C"

◀ # With "c"

◀ # It is exact match

Searching for Tribeca

```
{  
  "name" : "Tribeca Sunset Views",  
  "space" : "This is an oversized studio. When  
you first walk in there is the bedroom which is  
private to the rest of the apartment as you can't  
see the bedroom from the rest of the  
apartment. You will go down a long hallway  
where you will first see the bathroom, then the  
kitchen that opens up to the dining/living  
room. ....",  
  "neighbourhood_cleansed" : "Battery Park  
City"  
}
```

- ◀ # We wouldn't get this result if searching for exact match
- ◀ # However the name has "Tribeca"
- ◀ # The *real* neighborhood is not Tribeca.

Examples of Full Text Search

Search Tribeca

Get back all apartments that
have Tribeca somewhere

(startsWith search)

Search berries

Get back blueberries,
raspberries, strawberries, etc...

(Stem search)

Creating a Text Index

For full text search we need an index

```
> db.rent.createIndex({space : "text"})
{
  "createdCollectionAutomatically" : false,
  "numIndexesBefore" : 1,
  "numIndexesAfter" : 2,
  "ok" : 1
}
```

But as the One ring, **only one can exist**

```
> db.rent.createIndex({space : "text"})
{
  "ok" : 0,
  "code" : 85,
  "codeName" : "IndexOptionsConflict"
}
```

Searching for Tribeca

```
> db.rent.find({$text: {$search: "Tribeca"}},
{"_id":0, "neighbourhood_cleansed":1, "price":1,
"name":1})
{ "name" : "Architect Loft, btw Soho & Tribeca,
Private Roof", "neighbourhood_cleansed" :
"Tribeca", "price" : "$240.00" }
{ "name" : "Stunning Sundrenched Tribeca Loft",
"neighbourhood_cleansed" : "Tribeca", "price" :
"$217.00" },
...,
{ "name" : "Accessible King - Roll-in shower -
Tribeca Hotel", "neighbourhood_cleansed" :
"Tribeca", "price" : "$300.00" }
> db.rent.find({$text: {$search: "Tribeca"}},
{"_id":0, "neighbourhood_cleansed":1, "price":1,
"name":1}).count()
908
```

◀ # Note the \$text operator!

◀ # We do full text search on
"Tribeca"

◀ # Multiple results! Useful?

Fields of the \$text Operator

`$search`

`language`

`CaseSensitive`

`discreticSensitive`

What Does \$search Do?

Tokenizes

Removes stop words

Stems

Sets to lowercase

Understanding \$search

```
> db.rent.find({$text: {$search: "Tribeca"}} , {"_id":0, "name":1}).limit(5)
{ "name" : "Architect Loft, btw Soho & Tribeca, Private Roof" }
{ "name" : "Stunning Sundrenched Tribeca Loft" }
{ "name" : "Stylish Suite & Excellent Service in Tribeca, NY" }
{ "name" : "Stylish Hotel & Excellent Service in Tribeca, NY" }
{ "name" : "Big, Bright, Tribeca Studio w/ Doorman & Elevator" }
> db.rent.find({$text: {$search: "TriBeCa"}} , {"_id":0, "name":1}).limit(5)
{ "name" : "Architect Loft, btw Soho & Tribeca, Private Roof" }
{ "name" : "Stunning Sundrenched Tribeca Loft" }
{ "name" : "Stylish Suite & Excellent Service in Tribeca, NY" }
{ "name" : "Stylish Hotel & Excellent Service in Tribeca, NY" }
{ "name" : "Big, Bright, Tribeca Studio w/ Doorman & Elevator" }
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{ "name" : "Architect Loft, btw Soho & Tribeca, Private Roof" }
{ "name" : "Stunning Sundrenched Tribeca Loft" }
{ "name" : "Stylish Suite & Excellent Service in Tribeca, NY" }
{ "name" : "Stylish Hotel & Excellent Service in Tribeca, NY" }
{ "name" : "Big, Bright, Tribeca Studio w/ Doorman & Elevator" }
```

Logical Operators in \$search: AND, OR and NOT

```
> db.rent.find({$text: {$search: "\"bedroom  
apartment\""}}, {"_id":0, "name":1,  
"description":1}).limit(5)  
{ "name" : "Fabulous Apartment with Soaking  
Tub", "description" : "Stylish and newly  
renovated 1-bedroom apartment ..." }  
{ "name" : "Cute Apartment with Great  
Bathroom!", "description" : "Experience the city  
like a real New Yorker! This unique and modern  
one-bedroom apartment ..." }  
{ "name" : "BROOKLYN LUXURY minutes 2  
Manhattan & Williamsburg", "description" : "KING  
BED apartment is about 800 sq. ft. of perfection.  
Professionally designed for you comfort and with  
all the things you want and need. Originally a  
two bedroom apartment ..." }  
{ "name" : "Newly Renovated Near Central Park",  
"description" : "The perfect home away from  
home in NYC! Stylish, newly-renovated 1-  
bedroom apartment ... " }
```

Searching with AND

◀ # Note the `\` " bedroom apartment
`\`!"

◀ # We search for "bedroom" AND
"apartment"

◀ # We only got 4 rentals!

```
> db.rent.find({$text: {$search: "\"bedroom  
apartment\" sunny"}}, {"_id":0,  
"name":1}).limit(5)  
{ "name" : "Fabulous Apartment with Soaking  
Tub" }  
{ "name" : "Cute Apartment with Great  
Bathroom!" }  
{ "name" : "BROOKLYN LUXURY minutes 2  
Manhattan & Williamsburg" }  
{ "name" : "Newly Renovated Near Central  
Park" }  
  
> db.rent.find({$text: {$search: "sunny bedroom  
apartment"}}, {"_id":0, "name":1}).limit(5)  
{ "name" : "Fabulous Apartment with Soaking  
Tub" }  
{ "name" : "Cute Apartment with Great  
Bathroom!" }  
{ "name" : "BROOKLYN LUXURY minutes 2  
Manhattan & Williamsburg" }  
{ "name" : "Giant Sunny Room at  
Brooklyn&Breakfast" }
```

Mixing with OR

◀ # And “sunny”?? “Giant Sunny Room at Brooklyn&Breakfast” does not appear!

◀ # There exists rentals with “sunny”!

If the \$search string includes a phrase and individual terms, text search will only match the documents that include the phrase

“sunny bedroom apartment”
==
“apartment” OR “bedroom” OR
“sunny”

~~“sunny \” bedroom apartment\” ”
==
“(sunny OR bedroom OR apartment)”
AND “bedroom apartment”~~

Removing Elements: NOT

“bedroom apartment”
==
“bedroom” OR “apartment”

“bedroom -apartment”
==
“bedroom” AND NOT “apartment”

“apartment-wrecker -bedroom”
==
“apartment-wrecker” AND NOT
“bedroom”

Another Example with NOT

```
> db.rent.find({$text:{$search: "bedroom apartment"}}).count()
```

```
49320
```

```
> db.rent.find({$text:{$search: "bedroom"}}).count()
```

```
37952
```

```
> db.rent.find({$text:{$search: "-bedroom apartment"}}).count()
```

```
11368
```

```
> db.rent.find({$text:{$search: "apartment"}}).count()
```

```
44693
```

```
> db.rent.find({$text:{$search: "bedroom -apartment"}}).count()
```

```
4627
```

Bedrooms and Apartments



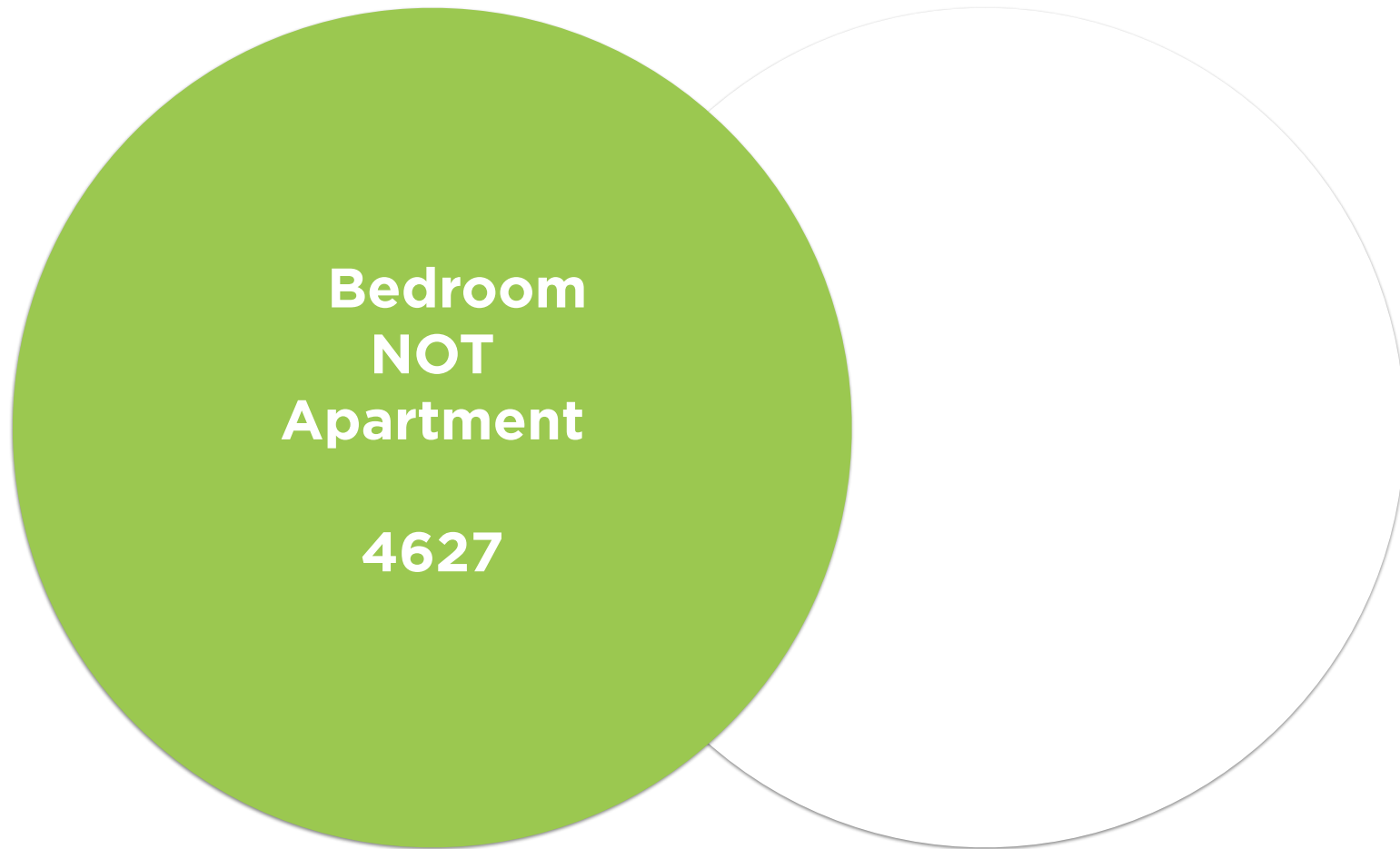
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Demo

Look for rentals with the \$text operator

Play around with the logical operators

Summary

Learned about the \$text operator and its corresponding fields

Searched for text from a set of token and from an exact phrase

Performed logical OR, AND and NOT conditions on a full text query