

MongoDB Quick Reference Sheet

SQL Database Equivalent terms

Database	~ Database
Table	~ Collection
Index	~ Index
Row	~ Document
Column	~ Field
Joining	~ Embedding & Linking

CRUD Equivalents

Create	= Insert
Read	= Find
Update	= Update
Delete	= Remove

Common Shell Commands

show dbs

Shows available databases

use foo

Use a database named 'foo'

db.createCollection('scores')

Creates a collection named 'scores'

show collections

Shows collections in the database

db.scores.stats()

Get stats for the collection 'scores'

db.scores.drop()

Drops the collection 'scores'

currentOp() - info on running operations

db.runCommand({getLastError: 1})

Run the getLastError command + check if the last operation succeeded.

Example Shell session using JS:

The mongo shell provides a Javascript API.

To Update an object in the collection:

```
$ obj = db.a.findOne(_id: 'foo')
```

```
$ obj.x = 123
```

```
$ db.a.update( { _id : obj._id }, obj ) OR
```

```
$ db.a.save(obj) - save() is a Mongo Shell helper func. equivalent to update() above.
```

1. INSERT

```
db.scores.insert({name:"A", score:80})
```

Insert into collection named 'scores'

2. FIND

```
db.scores.find({"name":"A"}, {"_id":0})
```

Find 'Alpha', exclude 'id' field from result

```
db.scores.findOne()
```

Find one random document

```
sort(), skip(), limit()
```

```
db.scores.find( { ... } ).sort( score:1 ).skip(5).
```

```
limit(1)
```

```
db.places.find( {loc: { $near: [90,90] } } )
```

Find Geospatial coordinates near (90,90)

Query operators

```
$gt, $lt, $gte, $lte, $in, $ne, $nin
```

```
db.scores.find( { score : { "$gt" : 10 } } )
```

```
db.scores.find( {score : { $in : [10, 20] } } )
```

```
$regex, $exists, $type
```

```
db.scores.find( { name : { $regex : "ph" },  
email : { $exists: true } } )
```

- Find records where name contains 'ph' and that have email.

```
$or, $and, $not, $nor (Logical)
```

```
db.scores.find( { $or : [{ score : { $lt: 50 } },  
{ score: { $gt: 90 } } ] } )
```

```
$all, $size - used with array fields
```

Cursor related options

(where, cursor = db.collection.find())

cursor.count() - count of docs in collection

cursor.explain() - info on the query plan

cursor.hint() - override default index selection with specific index.

3. UPDATE

update() does wholesale update of a doc;

Use 'multi' to update all matching docs.

```
db.users.update({name : "B"}, {$set :
```

```
{age : 30}}, {multi : true})
```

```
$set() - set field on an existing doc
```

```
$unset() - remove field from existing doc
```

\$upsert - Adds new key if not present

```
$inc, $sum
```

```
db.users.update( {name : "Bob" }, { $inc :  
{age : 2 } }, {multi : true} )
```

```
$push, $pop, $pull, $pushAll, $pullAll,
```

```
$addToSet - Array Operators
```

findAndModify() - Atomic, compared to query & update operation

4. REMOVE

```
db.document.remove({x : "foo"})
```

db.document.remove() - whole document

5. INDEX

Types of Indexes: Single field, Multikey, Compound, Geospatial, Text, Hashed

```
db.collection.ensureIndex({"name", 1})
```

- Creates a **Single field Index** with key as 'name' and ascending order

```
db.collection.ensureIndex({"x":1, y:-1})
```

- **Compound Index** with 'x' ordered

ascending and 'y' descending

(Note: Compound indexes have lot of rules, be sure of what you're doing.)

```
db.collection.ensureIndex( {"coord" :
```

```
'2d' } ) - Geospatial index over the coord  
field
```

```
db.collection.dropIndex( { x : 1, y : -1 } )
```

db.collection.getIndexes() - Get indexes for a collection

```
db.collection.totalIndexSize()
```

```
db.collection.reIndex()
```

compact() - defragment and rebuild index

Index creation options

```
{unique: true} - reject documents with  
duplicate value for the indexed field.
```

```
{name: 'foo'} - Custom name for index (if  
not given, name is derived from the key).
```

```
{dropDups: true}
```

```
{background: true}
```

{sparse: true} - Create entries only for documents having the index key.

6. AGGREGATE

(Aggregation is used for advanced queries, by pipelining stages.)

Stages that can be pipelined -

\$group, \$match, \$project, \$unwind, \$sort, \$skip, \$limit, \$geoNear, \$out, \$redact

Key ref. from previous stage has \$ prefix - \$match : {"key", "value"}

Pipeline stages appear in an array -
db.zips.aggregate([{\$group : {"_id" : "\$state", "population":{"\$sum":"\$pop"}} }])

mapReduce()

- Aggregation is faster than mapReduce.

- mapReduce can do some extra things.

- Hadoop's connector is available too.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Replication - for fault tolerance

Sharding - allows DB to spread over distributed servers

Logging - to check slow operations etc.

Profiling - Observe/Spot errors

Monitoring - mongotop, mongostat

Max. document size - 16Mb

Write Concern

From 2.6, the write methods integrate 'write concern' in the method execution.

Previous versions used getLastError() to return error info.

Important note on Language drivers

Various language libraries have functions similar to Mongo shell functions, but mostly use the language's naming conventions:

For instance, the equivalent for findOne() in PyMongo is find_one()

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