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Mongodb ObjectId()

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By default when inserting documents in the collection, if you don't add a field name with the `_id` in the field name, then MongoDB will automatically add an Object id field.

Why do we need the ObjectId field? Well, MongoDB uses this

as the primary key for the collection so that each document can be uniquely identified in the collection.

```
db.Employee.find().forEach(printjson);
{"_id" : ObjectId("563479cc8a8a4246bd27d784"),
 "Employeeid" : 1,
 "EmployeeName" : "Smith"}
{"_id" : ObjectId("563479d48a8a4246bd27d785"),
 "Employeeid" : 2,
 "EmployeeName" : "Mohan"}
{"_id" : ObjectId("563479df8a8a4246bd27d786"),
 "Employeeid" : 3,
 "EmployeeName" : "Joe"}
```

Every row has a unique object id

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When you query the documents in a collection, you can see the ObjectId for each document in the collection.

If you want to ensure that MongoDB does not create the `_id` Field when the collection is created and if you want to specify your own id as the `_id` of the collection, then you need to explicitly define this while creating the collection.

When explicitly creating an id field, it needs to be created with `_id` in its name.

Let's look at an example on how we can achieve this.

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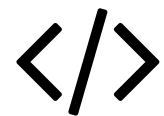
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