

Chapter 5

Accessing MongoDB NoSQL Databases



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Introduction to MongoDB

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Introduction to NoSQL Paradigm

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■ ShortComings of Relational Databases

■ Scaling-Up is Expensive

- With ever increasing user growth and the huge amounts of data being generated, relational databases cannot provide on demand scalability.

■ Rigid Data Models

- Any change in the data model requires a change in the schema which leads to creating new columns, defining new relations, reflecting the changes in your application, discussing with your database administrators etc.

■ NoSQL data Models

Key Value



Example:
Riyak, Redis
Server, Scalaris

Document-Based



Example:
MongoDB,
CouchDB

Column-Based



Example:
BigTable,
Cassandra

Graph-Based



Example:
Neo4J, Flock DB

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What is MongoDB ?

- MongoDB is a NoSQL database which stores the data as JSON documents.
- It is an Open Source, Document Database which provides high performance and scalability along with data modelling and data management of huge sets of data in an enterprise application.
- What is Document based storage?
 - A Document is nothing but a data structure with name-value pairs like in JSON.
 - Example


```
{"name": "John", "age": 31, "city": "Brussels"}
```

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Relational DB vs MongoDB Concepts

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```

graph LR
    subgraph RDBMS [RDBMS]
        Database1[Database] --- Tables1[Tables]
        Tables1 --- Rows1[Rows]
        Rows1 --- Columns1[Columns]
    end
    subgraph MongoDB [MongoDB]
        Database2[Database] --- Collections2[Collections]
        Collections2 --- Documents2[Documents]
        Documents2 --- Fields2[Fields]
    end
    
```

The diagram illustrates the hierarchical data structures of RDBMS and MongoDB. On the left, under 'RDBMS', a 'Database' contains 'Tables', which contain 'Rows', which in turn contain 'Columns'. On the right, under 'MongoDB', a 'Database' contains 'Collections', which contain 'Documents', which in turn contain 'Fields'. Dotted lines connect corresponding levels between the two structures: 'Tables' to 'Collections', 'Rows' to 'Documents', and 'Columns' to 'Fields'.

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Connecting to the MongoDB database

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■ Install the MongoDB driver using npm

■ npm install mongodb –save

■ Connecting Node.js to MongoDB

```
var MongoClient = require('mongodb').MongoClient;
var url = "mongodb://localhost:27017/mydb";
// Connect to the db
MongoClient.connect(url, function (err, db) {
  if (err) throw err;
  console.log("Connection established successfully!");
  // Note: The db will be created if it does not exist
  db.close();
});
```

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- Now, let's use an `async/await`:

```
async function main() {
  const uri = "mongodb://localhost:27017/mydb";

  const client = new MongoClient(uri);

  try {
    // Connect to the MongoDB cluster
    await client.connect();
    console.log("Connection established successfully!");

    // Make the appropriate DB calls
    //await listDatabases(client);

  } catch (e) {
    console.error(e);
  } finally {
    await client.close();
  }
}

main().catch(console.error);
```

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Insert MongoDB Document

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- Now, let's look at how to insert a MongoDB document using Node.js:

```
var MongoClient = require('mongodb').MongoClient;
var url = "mongodb://localhost:27017/";

MongoClient.connect(url,{useNewUrlParser: true, useUnifiedTopology: true},
  function(err, db) {

  if (err) throw err;
  var dbo = db.db("mydb");
  dbo.collection('Student', function (err, collection) {
    if (err) throw err;
    collection.insertMany([{
      id: 1, firstName: 'Ryan', lastName: 'Dahl'
    },
    {
      id: 2, firstName: 'Martin', lastName: 'Fowler'
    }]);
    db.close();
  });
});
```

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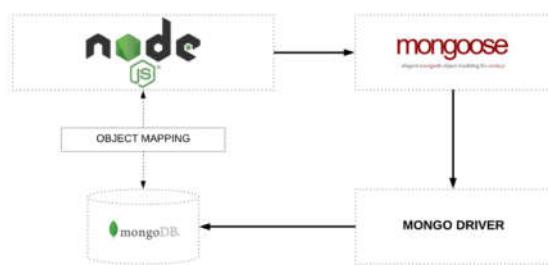
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What is Mongoose

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- **Mongoose:** Mongoose is a MongoDB object modeling tool designed to work in an asynchronous environment.
- It is an Object Data Modeling (ODM) library for MongoDB and Node.js. It manages relationships between data, provides schema validation, and is used to translate between objects in code and the representation of those objects in MongoDB.



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Connecting to the MongoDB database using Mongoose

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- Connect to database using asyn/await

```
const mongoose = require('mongoose');

const server = '127.0.0.1:27017';
const database = 'mydb';

const connectDB = async () => {
    try {
        await mongoose.connect(`mongodb://${server}/${database}`, {
            useNewUrlParser: true, useUnifiedTopology: true,
        });

        console.log('MongoDB connected!!');
    } catch (err) {
        console.log('Failed to connect to MongoDB', err);
    }
};

connectDB();
```

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Mongoose: Defining and creating models

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- Models are defined using the Schema interface.
- The Schema allows you to define the fields stored in each document along with their validation requirements and default values.
- Schemas are then "compiled" into models using the `mongoose.model()` method. Once you have a model you can use it to find, create, update, and delete objects of the given type

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Mongoose: Defining schemas

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- First you require() mongoose, then use the Schema constructor to create a new schema instance, defining the various fields inside it in the constructor's object parameter.

```
//Require Mongoose
var mongoose = require('mongoose');

//Define a schema
var Schema = mongoose.Schema;

var SomeModelSchema = new Schema({
  a_string: String,
  a_date: Date
});
```

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Mongoose: Creating a Model

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- Models are created from schemas using the mongoose.model() method:

```
// Define schema
var Schema = mongoose.Schema;

var SomeModelSchema = new Schema({
  a_string: String,
  a_date: Date
});

// Compile model from schema
var SomeModel = mongoose.model('SomeModel', SomeModelSchema );
```

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Creating Documents

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- To create a record you can define an instance of the model and then call `save()`

```
// Create an instance of model SomeModel
var awesome_instance = new SomeModel({ name: 'awesome' });

// Save the new model instance, passing a callback
awesome_instance.save(function (err) {
  if (err) return handleError(err);
  // saved!
});
```

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Updating Documents

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- To update a record you can define an instance of the model and then call save or update()

```
// Access model field values using dot notation
console.log(awesome_instance.name); //should log 'also_awesome'

// Change record by modifying the fields, then calling save().
awesome_instance.name="New cool name";
awesome_instance.save(function (err) {
  if (err) return handleError(err); // saved!
});
```

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Searching for Records

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- You can search for records using query methods, specifying the query conditions as a JSON document.

```
var Athlete = mongoose.model('Athlete', yourSchema);

// find all athletes who play tennis, selecting the 'name' and 'age' fields
Athlete.find({ 'sport': 'Tennis' }, 'name age', function (err, athletes) {
  if (err) return handleError(err);
  // 'athletes' contains the list of athletes that match the criteria.
})
```

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Removing Records

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- You can remove records using query methods, specifying the query conditions as a JSON document.

```
var Athlete = mongoose.model('Athlete', yourSchema);

Athlete.remove({ 'id': 'Athlete01' }, function (err, athletes) {
  if (err) return handleError(err);
  // Removed
})
```

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