MongoDB vs SQL: A Comparison

Purpose of the Presentation:

Understand the differences between NoSQL (MongoDB) and SQL databases. Compare their functionalities, use cases, and performance.

What is SQL?

SQL (Structured Query Language) is a relational database management system (RDBMS). Examples: MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle.

What is MongoDB?

MongoDB is a NoSQL document-oriented database.

It stores data in JSON-like documents.

Data Model Comparison

• SQL (Relational Model):

- Data is stored in tables with rows and columns.
- Tables are related to each other using foreign keys.
- Example: A Users table with columns: id, name, email.

MongoDB (Document Model):

- Data is stored in flexible JSON-like documents.
- Documents are grouped into collections.

Schema Flexibility

• SQL (Fixed Schema):

- Requires a predefined schema.
- All rows in a table must follow the same structure.
- Example: Adding a new column requires altering the table.

MongoDB (Dynamic Schema):

- No fixed schema.
- Each document in a collection can have a different structure.
- Example: Adding a new field to a document does not affect other documents.

Query Language Comparison

• SQL:

- Uses SQL (Structured Query Language) for queries.
- Example Query: SELECT * FROM Users WHERE age > 25;

MongoDB:

- Uses a JSON-like query language.
- Example Query: db.Users.find({ age: { \$gt: 25 } });

Use Cases and Performance

• SQL:

- Best for structured data with complex relationships.
- Ideal for applications requiring ACID transactions (e.g., banking systems).
- Example Use Cases: ERP systems, financial applications.

MongoDB:

- Best for unstructured or semi-structured data.
- Ideal for applications requiring high scalability and flexibility (e.g., real-time analytics, content management).
- Example Use Cases: Social media platforms, IoT applications.