Unit Testing MongoDB*

* Actually: testing applications that use MongoDB.

What do we unit test?

- WriteConcern set correctly
- Unique indexes
- Documents persisted correctly
- Queries return the right objects
- Versioning strategy implemented correctly

Mocking?

- Don't use a mock Driver implementation
- Use the real Driver against a test database

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Actual setup

- Take advantage of lazy creation
- Make index setup part of your app
 - Execute during test setup phase
- Delete collections (or contents) after
- Feasible to do this once per test

Test isolation

- Create a whole DB for each test
 - simple, but slow
 - MongoDB writes 100+MB to disk for each new database
 - We can do better

Test isolation

- New collection for each test
 - Not IO intensive to create a collection
- Inject collection into your class
- Delete collection after test

Random tips

- Shared MongoDB server for unit tests
 - Use --smallfiles for a unit test server
 - Increase file handles for connections
- Everyone gets their own server
 - Use the MongoDB plugin for Jenkins