

UUID()

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Definition

Generates a BSON `UUID` (Universally unique identifier) object.

`UUID()` has the following syntax:

```
UUID(<string>)
```

Parameter	Type	Description
hex	string	Optional. Specify a 36 character string to convert to a UUID BSON object. If not provided, MongoDB generates a random UUID in RFC 4122 v4 🔗 format. <i>Changed in version 3.6:</i> In earlier versions of the mongo shell, <code>UUID</code> required a hexadecimal string argument. See the 3.4 manual 🔗 .

returns: A BSON UUID object.

Example

Convert Character String to UUID

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```
var myuuid = '3b241101-e2bb-4255-8caf-4136c566a962'
```

The following command outputs the `myuuid` variable as a BSON UUID object:

```
UUID(myuuid)
```

This command generates the following output:

```
UUID("3b241101-e2bb-4255-8caf-4136c566a962")
```

Generate Random UUID

You can run the `UUID()` method without specifying an argument to generate a random UUID:

```
UUID()
```

This command outputs a random UUID in the following form:

```
UUID("dee11d4e-63c6-4d90-983c-5c9f1e79e96c")
```

Changed in version 3.6: In earlier versions of the `mongo` shell, `UUID` required a hexadecimal string argument.