ACTIVITY: MONGODB

By the end of this activity, you will be able to:

- 1. Find documents in MongoDB with specific field values.
- 2. Filter the results returned by MongoDB queries.
- 3. Count documents in a MongoDB collection and returned by queries.

Step 1. **Start MongoDB server and MongoDB shell**. Open a terminal window by clicking on the square black box on the top left of the screen.



Next, change to the *mongodb* directory, and start the server:

```
cd Downloads/big-data-3/mongodb

./mongodb/bin/mongod --dbpath db
```

The arguments --dbpath db specify that the directory db should be used for the MongoDB directory for datafiles. After starting the MongoDB server, you will see the following lines indicating that the server is running:

```
I FTDC [initandlisten] Initializing full-time diagnostic data capture with directory 'db/di
I NETWORK [HostnameCanonicalizationWorker] Starting hostname canonicalization worker
I NETWORK [initandlisten] waiting for connections on port 27017
```

Next, let's run the MongoDB shell so that we can query the server. Open a new terminal shell window, change to the *mongodb* directory, and start the shell:

```
cd Downloads/big-data-3/mongodb
./mongodb/bin/mongo
```

Step 2. Show Databases and Collections. Run the show dbs command to see the databases:

```
> show dbs
journaldev 0.000GB
local 0.000GB
sample 0.004GB
test 0.000GB
```

The database named *sample* has been created and loaded with Twitter JSON data. Let's switch to that database by running the *use* command:

```
use sampleswitched to db sampleWe can see the collections in the sample database by running show collections:
```

```
> show collections
collection
users
```

The Twitter data is stored in the *users* collection. We can run *db.users.count()* to count the number of documents:

```
> db.users.count()
11188
Step 3. Look at document and find distinct values. We can examine the contents of one of the
documents by running db.users.findOne():
> db.users.findOne()
         " id" : ObjectId("578ffa8e7eb9513f4f55a935"),
         "user name" : "koteras",
         "retweet count" : 0,
         "tweet followers count" : 461,
         "source" : "<a href=\"http://twitter.com/download/iphone\" rel=\"nofollow\">Twitter for
         "coordinates" : null,
         "tweet mentioned count" : 1,
         "tweet ID" : "755891629932675072",
         "tweet text" : "RT @ochocinco: I beat them all for 10 straight hours #FIFA16KING https:
         "user" : {
                 "CreatedAt" : ISODate("2011-12-27T09:04:01Z"),
                 "FavouritesCount" : 5223,
                 "FollowersCount": 461,
                 "FriendsCount" : 619,
                 "UserId" : 447818090,
                 "Location" : "501"
        }
The document has several fields, e.g., user_name, retweet_count, tweet_ID, etc., and nested fields
under user, e.g., CreatedAt, UserId, Location, etc.
We can find the distinct values for a specific field by using the distinct() command. For example, let's
find the distinct values for user name:
> db.users.distinct("user name")
         "koteras",
        "AllieLovesR5 1D",
         "Tonkatol",
         "Gaslet",
         "Syaxmii "
         "CamSteele 96",
Step 4. Search for specific field value. We can search for fields with a specific value using the
find() command. For example, let's search for user name with the value ActionSportsJax:
> db.users.find({user name : "ActionSportsJax"})
```

{ "_id" : ObjectId("579670bfc38159226b4c8e47"), "user_name" : "ActionSportsJax", "retweet rce" : "Twitter for iPhon unt" : 2, "tweet_ID" : "757667800521531393", "tweet_text" : "RT @wwbrown19: I'm watching Augustine football and asked myself \"How on earth did we stop...", "user" : { "CreatedAt" nt" : 120, "FollowersCount" : 3539, "FriendsCount" : 476, "UserId" : 35857042, "Location"

By appending .pretty() to the end of the find command, the results will be formatted:

```
> db.users.find({user name : "ActionSportsJax"}).pretty()
        " id" : ObjectId("579670bfc38159226b4c8e47"),
        "user name" : "ActionSportsJax",
        "retweet count": 0,
        "tweet followers count" : 3539,
        "source" : "<a href=\"http://twitter.com/download/i
        "coordinates" : null,
        "tweet mentioned count" : 2,
        "tweet ID" : "757667800521531393",
Step 5. Filter fields returned by query. We can specify a second argument to the find() command
to only show specific field(s) in the result. Let's repeat the previous search, but only show the
tweet ID field:
> db.users.find({user name: "ActionSportsJax"}, {tweet ID: 1})
{ " id" : ObjectId("579670bfc38159226b4c8e47"), "tweet ID" : "757667800521531393" }
The id field is primary key for every document, and we can remove it from the results with the
following filter:
> db.users.find({user name: "ActionSportsJax"}, {tweet ID: 1, id: 0})
{ "tweet ID" : "757667800521531393" }
Step 6. Perform regular expression search. MongoDB also supports searching documents with
regular expressions. If we search for the value FIFA in the tweet text field, there are no results:
> db.users.find({tweet text: "FIFA"})
>
However, if we search using a regular expression, there are many results:
> db.users.find({tweet text: /FIFA/})
{ " id" : ObjectId("578ffa8e7eb9513f4f55a935"), "user name" : "koteras", "retwee
a href=\"http://twitter.com/download/iphone\" rel=\"nofollow\">Twitter for iPhone
"tweet ID" : "755891629932675072", "tweet text" : "RT @ochocinco: I beat them a
kBL", "user" : { "CreatedAt" : ISODate("2011-12-27T09:04:01Z"), "FavouritesCount"
serId" : 447818090, "Location" : "501" } }
{ " id" : ObjectId("578ffa917eb9513f4f55a939"), "user name" : "Tonkatol", "retween
<a href=\"http://twitter.com\" rel=\"nofollow\">Twitter Web Client</a>", "coordi
755891638921232384", "tweet text" : "RT @GameSeek: Follow & Retweet for your char
our choice) in our #giveaway! https://...", "user" : { "CreatedAt" : ISODate("2012
nt": 616, "FriendsCount": 2675, "UserId": 722815650, "Location": null } }
The difference between the queries is that the first searched for where the tweet_text field value was
```

We can append .count() to the command to count the number of results:

```
> db.users.find({tweet_text: /FIFA/}).count()
3697
```

Step 7. **Search using text index**. A text index can be created to speed up searches and allows advanced searches with *\$text*. Let's create the index using *createIndex():*

exactly equal to FIFA, and the second searched for where the field value contained FIFA.

```
> db.users.createIndex({"tweet_text" : "text"})
{
         "createdCollectionAutomatically" : false,
         "numIndexesBefore" : 2,
         "note" : "all indexes already exist",
         "ok" : 1
}
```

The argument *tweet_index* specifies the field on which to create the index.

Next, we can use the *\$text* operator to search the collection. We can perform the previous query to find the documents containing *FIFA*:

```
> db.users.find({$text : {$search : "FIFA"}}).count()
4031
```

We can also search for documents not containing a specific value. For example, let's search for documents containing *FIFA*, but not *Texas:*

```
> db.users.find({$text : {$search : "FIFA -Texas"}}).count()
4022
```

Step 8. **Search using operators**. MongoDB can also search for field values matching a specific criteria. For example, we can find where the *tweet_mentioned_count* is greater than six:

```
> db.users.find({tweet_mentioned_count: {$gt : 6}})
{ "_id" : ObjectId("57966e26c3815920e1131b03"), "user_name" : "marshallrupe",
    : "<a href=\"http://twitter.com/download/iphone\" rel=\"nofollow\">Twitter f
    : 7, "tweet_ID" : "757665013817409536", "tweet_text" : "RT @BrianBorrison: h
lrupe @da_carlos30 @TrissyTim @BrockHiltonb @ZachZippe @ro...", "user" : { "Cre
    : 326, "FollowersCount" : 215, "FriendsCount" : 165, "UserId" : -2073286695,
    { "_id" : ObjectId("57966ecfc3815920e1132053"), "user_name" : "marvheys", "re
    "<a href=\"http://twitter.com/download/android\" rel=\"nofollow\">Twitter for
    : 7, "tweet_ID" : "757665717948977152", "tweet_text" : "RT @philhayton11: Ple
1882 @marvheys @Matlalor https://t.co/y0s8MxjA5d", "user" : { "CreatedAt" :
    ollowersCount" : 1215, "FriendsCount" : 850, "UserId" : 477884041, "Location"
    { "_id" : ObjectId("5796706bc38159226b4c8af1"), "user_name" : "HearAllAbtIt",
    "<a href=\"http://twitter.com\" rel=\"nofollow\">Twitter Web Client</a>", "c
```

The \$gt operator search for values greater than a specific value. We can use the \$where command to compare between fields in the same document. For example, the following searches for tweet_mentioned_count is greater than tweet_followers_count:

```
> db.users.find({$where : "this.tweet_mentioned_count > this.tweet_followers_count"}).count()
18
```

Note that the field names for \$where are required to be prefixed with this, which represent the document.

We can combine multiple searches by using \$and. For example, let's search for tweet_text containing FIFA and tweet_mentioned_count greater than four:

```
> db.users.find({$and : [ {tweet_text : /FIFA/}, {tweet_mentioned_count: {$gt : 4}}]}).count()
1
```

When you are done querying MongoDB, run *exit* in the MongoDB shell, and *Control-C* in the terminal window running the server.