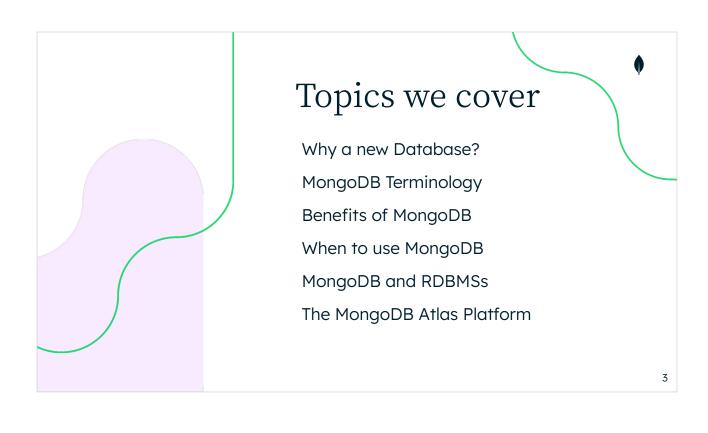
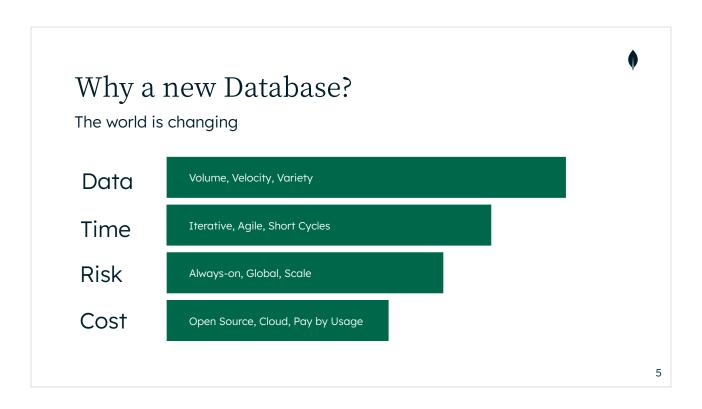


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The way we write software has changed:

- Data is now 'Big Data.' It is high in volume, it arrives faster; and even in a single system, it can have various forms and can change quickly.
- Time Companies want software delivered fast and changed as soon as it has arrived the current manner of Software Development is Agile and Rapid.
- Risk 20 years ago, mainframes and specialized hardware were costly and were needed to provide the always-on capability. Now every system needs 100% uptime even while maintenance goes on.
- Cost Flexible pay-as-you-go cloud services, with the ability to scale up, are the new norm. There has also been a shift to open source.



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### MongoDB

- Modern Document-model database.
- Designed to back the modern-day business applications:
  - O Developer and Operations oriented
  - Easy to scale horizontally
  - O Business Critical
  - Lessons learned from 50 years of RDBMS

What two RDBMS functions are hard to do efficiently in a distributed system?

MongoDB was established in 2007 (as 10gen) by three entrepreneurs who had previously developed some of the internet's first advertising and shopping networks (DoubleClick)

The company originally started as a Platform-as-a-Service architecture based entirely on developing open source components.

They were unable to source a suitable database (frustration with the limitations of available databases at the time), so they built their own.

The company developed a document-oriented DB known today as MongoDB.

This was popular, so initially, they focussed on being a database company, returning to the cloud and then BaaS later.

It is a highly available and horizontally scalable database designed to be the primary database for modern business applications, focusing on the developer and DevOps audiences.

Fifty years of RDBMS has not been forgotten. The creators of MongoDB wanted to retain as much "Database" behavior as possible but as a distributed system.

Question - What two fundamental RDBMS features are hard to do efficiently in a distributed system?



BenID

EmpID	Name	Dept	Title	Manage	Payband
9950	Dunham, Justin	500	1500	6531	С

EmpBenPlanID	EmpFK	PlanFK
1	9950	100
2	9950	200

PlanID	BenFK	Plan
100	1	PPO Plus
200	2	Standard

Dan	+ID	Donartmont
	2	Dental
	1	Health

Benefit

TitleID	Title
1500	Product Manager

DeptID	Department
500	Marketing

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#### Answer:

- Joins These are slow in a distributed system due to network hops
- Transactions For similar reasons but also reliability is also an issue

A good distributed system needs a way to avoid these where possible:

- Only update one record in a table at a time (using SQL terminology for now, but this
  equates to document in a collection in MongoDB)
- Why? Don't need to communicate with other servers

Typical RDBMS application schema depicted above - "One record" may consist of 6 tables - 9 rows which would cause a problem in a distributed system.

### Relational - Denormalization

EmpID	Name	Dept	Title	Manage	Payband
9950	Dunham, Justin	Marketing	Product Manager	6531	С

EmpBenPlanID	EmpFK	BenType	Plan
1	9950	Health	PPO Plus
2	9950	Dental	Standard

We can reduce the number of tables hence reduce the number of calls between servers by denormalizing data.

Denormalizing might seem like a backward step for those from an RDBMS background, but in reality, it is often utilized for performance reasons. With MongoDB, this is not considered bad practice.

The focus should be on the business requirements and optimizing a schema for this.

In this example using RDBMS, we cannot denormalize this 1:N relationship any further to create a single record \* - which would negate the need for joins, plus make the data more comfortable to use and digest

\* without complicated and messy delimited methods such as using delimited lists

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# Document Model - Arrays

EmpID	Name	Dept	Title	Manage	Payband	BenType	Plan
9950	Dunham, Justin	Marketing	Product Manager	6531	С	Health	PPO Plus
						Dental	Standard

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The example above depicts how we would ideally want to store this data in RDBMS, but it is not possible.

With the document model, we can not only store scalar types such as integer, float, text, etc., but we can also store embedded data - which equates to how we would ideally want to store the above (a table inside a table)

We have two of these special Container Types - Array and Nested Document. And Array is a field with multiple values - a Nested Document is fields that has sub fields of its own.

Data is co-located in-memory, on-disk, and logically on the same hardware.

This explicit parent-child storage mechanism improves retrieval and query performance and simplifies our application queries and updates.

Parent-child relationships are common within database applications; hence an improved approach to data storage and retrieval is often gladly adopted amongst developers.

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# Document Model Representation - JSON

An example document with the nested parent-child relationships described previously is shown above.

Note how this visualization is easier to digest than looking at such relationships in tabular form.

The above is JSON, which is human readable. We don't store JSON in MongoDB as this is not performant. We use BSON. Similar to viewing data as CSV in Oracle, but this is not how it is stored.

The field names above will also be stored as data, which creates some overhead. But compression in MongoDB greatly reduces the space required to store field names repeated across documents.

Missing fields have no cost in MongoDB, so sparse tables are cheaper.

### Document Storage - BSON

```
\x315\x00\x00\x00
\x01
_id\x00
\x01\x00\x00\x00
0x26de\x00
\x02
pay_band\x00
\x02\x00\x00\x00
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Dunham, Justin\x00
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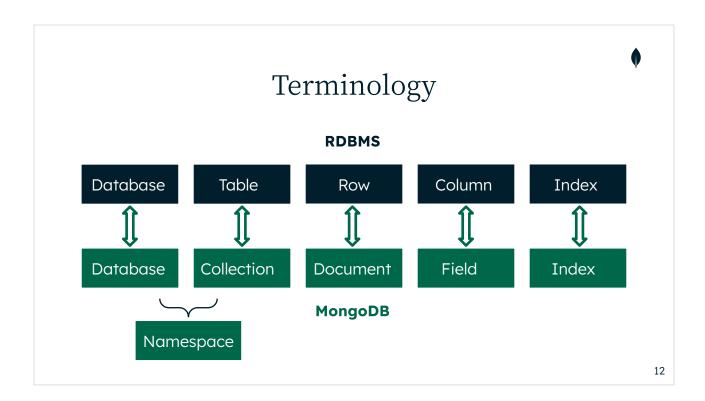
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BSON is not JSON - https://www.mongodb.com/basics/bson

JSON is a text format that requires character by character parsing (like CSV) and provides fewer data types (integer, string, etc.)

BSON is serialized, binary objects with data types, lengths (variable-length strings) BSON is faster to read, traverse, and contains more information, and isn't subject to faking/injection

BSON is similar to how we used to save objects to disk by serializing them to a stream of bytes in 1990s/2000s windows applications



We explained that a Document is like a richer, more structured version of a Row with Repeating fields and Depth

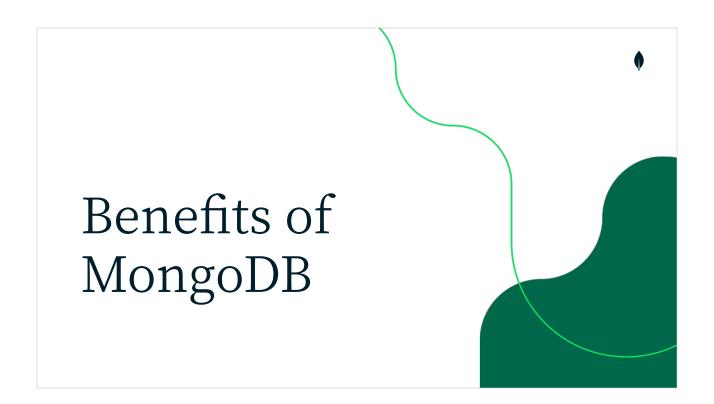
Apart from that concepts are very similar to any other database, Documents are grouped together in collections (Tables) which should have a similar if not identical structure.

Collections are grouped together in Databases - where they relate to the same application or business "Thing". Like a "Schema' in Oracle or a 'Database' in MySQL and MSSQL

Inside a Document you have Fields - and we haven't mentioned this yet, on fields you can add indexes to speed up querying.

Finally in MongoDB - we refer to the combination of a Database and Collection as a Namespace.

We will mix and match these through this training to ease in the new terminology. **Note:** A field may also be referred to as a key.



# Agile Database Schemas

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9950	Dunham, Justin	Marketing	Product	6531	С	Health	PPO Plus
			Manager			Dental	Standard

EmpID	Name	Title	Payband	Bonus
9952	Joe White	CEO	Е	20,000

EmpID	Name	Dept	Title	Manager	Payband	Shares
9531	Nearey, Graham	Marketing	Director	9952	D	5000

The MongoDB document approach means that not all documents in a collection (records/tables in SQL language) need to have exactly the same fields.

Logically they should be variants of the same type of record, and consistency should be enforced to a degree. However, this flexibility is advantageous.

No need to store missing fields, and there is no cost for adding new ones. The database server doesn't have a list of expected fields by default. This is efficient if you need to store sparse data where in an RDBMS you may have a lot of null values.

Every document in MongoDB already logically contains every possible legal field name. It's just it has a value of null by default unless you set it to something else.



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When designing MongoDB, careful consideration was given about how to interact with the data. Traditional SOL was observed as being inadequate

- Using SQL as the internal computer transfer mechanism is inefficient as it requires parsing, which is expensive and errors prone including injection attacks.
- SQL was not designed as an interprocess design mechanism but as a UI (That's why it's basically English), and it's a terrible fit, but ODBC/JDBC use it.
- SQL needs to be standard and the SQL standard doesn't work for documents. Better no SOL than SOL-ish

#### Idiomatic Driver Libraries instead:

- MongoDB uses BSON to communicate and utilizes an object-based API in the form of
- Drivers that work with native data types (Maps, Dictionaries, Objects) are available for many popular programming languages as well as idiomatic ones for other less common languages
- For testing/debugging, we have an interactive JSON REPL (Read Eval Print Loop) environment. This allows interaction with the database in real-time, rather than having to compile code every time you run a query

Official Drivers for: C, C#, C++, Go, Kotlin, Java, NodeJS, PHP, Python, Ruby, Rust, Scala

### **Native Clients**

Command-line shell for interacting directly with database

Compass as a GUI to access the database

```
> db.collection.insertOne({
    product:"MongoDB",
    type:"Document Database"
})

> db.collection.findOne()
{
        "_id": ObjectId("5106c1c2fc629bfe52792e86"),
        "product": "MongoDB",
        "type": "Document Database"
}
```

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### Full Database Functionality

**Complex Indexed Queries** 

Smart Edits

Aggregation Framework



Age > 65 AND Male living near Lyon

Age	Profit Margin
1-17	0
18-35	20
36-50	80
51-65	50
66+	5

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MongoDB provides agility, scalability, and performance without sacrificing the functionality of relational database (like full index support and rich queries)

It utilizes a planner to select what indexes might optimize query performance. Indexes are used to limit the data that needs to be scanned.

This differs from some NoSQL DBs where you can only query on predefined patterns.

MongoDB behaves very much like a typical RDBMS database in that it also edits smartly - i.e., the server makes changes directly instead of fetching the record back to the client, modifying it, and pushing it back (like many NoSQL databases do, which causes race conditions and locking problems)

SQL databases have always been able to summarise and aggregate on the server-side and simply return raw data. Early on, like other vendors, MongoDB adopted Map-reduce to achieve this, but it is complicated and slow, so it was changed to the aggregation pipeline.

The aggregation pipeline has extended MongoDB query capability to allow complex in-database computation and aggregation to provide summarised data. It is declarative, rather than writing functions in Map-Reduce, which is more like SQL.

# Availability and Scalability

High Availability via Replica Sets

- Multiple copies of all data
- Different hosts / locations
- Continuous replication

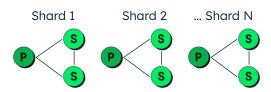
#### Scale via Shards

- Partition data over multiple Replica Sets
- Provides unlimited hardware scaling

Compression of data



High availability - Replication



Horizontal scalability - Sharding

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Allowing scalability was one of the driving factors for creating MongoDB, along with the ability to run over multiple physical machines to take advantage of more RAM, CPU, and Disk.

A prerequisite for this is 'High Availability' because the more machines you deploy, the greater the risk for failure. If configured correctly, MongoDB can survive losing up to 50% of its servers and keep working (with caveats). A server can be taken down, upgraded, maintained, and replaced without downtime to the cluster.

The concept of sharding is synonymous with table partitioning. If deploying scaling, auto sharding can be utilized to spread data across multiple clusters. This can dynamically resize partitions and move data accordingly.

MongoDB compresses data on disk (up to about 50%) to utilize space and minimize storage costs.

# **Enterprise Tooling**

#### Enterprise Management Tools:

- Atlas MongoDB Database as A Service
- Ops Manager Monitor/Alert/Manage/Backup your own servers.
- Cloud Manager Ops Manager hosted in the cloud.
- Kubernetes Operator to deploy in containers.
- Terraform Provider from Hashicorp.











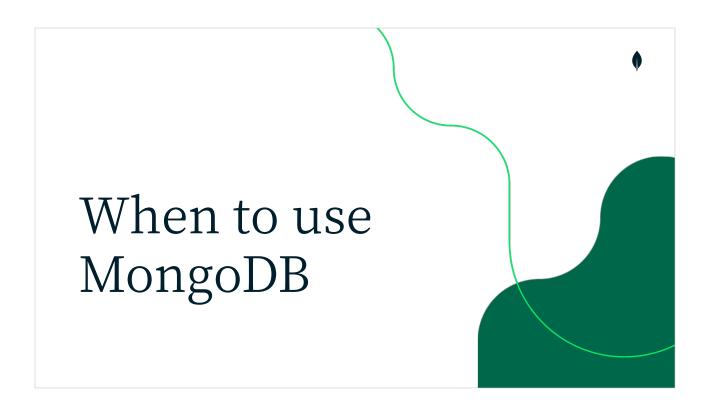
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Working at scale requires good enterprise management tooling, which we have in the form of Atlas, MongoDB as a service and

Ops Manager & Cloud Manager (Hosted Ops Manager) to Manage your own hardware.

These tools let you Monitor, Deploy, Upgrade Live, and Backup, etc when you supply the hardware and, for Atlas even the hardware is provided for you and scaled to fit.

In addition we have integration with Kubernetes, and Terraform to ensure MongoDB can be deployed in these environments.



### When to use MongoDB

When you need high-speed access to complex objects

- Atomic partial updates
- Fast retrieval
- Secondary indexes
- Aggregation capabilities



- Large Arrays
- Text Fields
- Binary Data





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Imagine writing the backend for a complex system such as a computer game where the player has created a whole environment with buildings, characters, etc.

How would you store, query, and analyze that data?

MongoDB is optimized for storing and querying complex data objects.

Partial updates allow multiple processes to effectively update the same document simultaneously where there is no overlap of changes.

The aggregation pipeline is a mature and powerful tool for querying data in a fast, efficient, and easy to understand manner.

MongoDB can store larger text objects, and blobs inline with the data and not overspill pages with their own API's



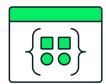
When you value rapid development

- Interaction by Objects
- Rich functionality

Where you need to store **structures of varying shapes.** 

- Application-defined schemas
- Heterogeneous schemas





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MongoDB encourages application-defined schemas and performance targeted at the most utilized application queries.

#### Case study: Metlife

Integration of 70 separate administrative systems to allow for a consolidated customer view

Migrated from SQL to document model, providing a readable JSON format

Chose MongoDB because of the ability of NoSQL to ingest structured, semi-structured, and unstructured information without requiring tedious, expensive, and time-consuming database-mapping or extract, transform and load (ETL) processes.

Allowed for team independence in the ETL process in the form of a UI

Moved from pilot to roll out in 90 days

Leading internet companies release new software versions every half hour or less. Used well, MongoDB can assist in enabling such rapid evolution of live systems.



#### When we have **large data volumes**.

- Data volumes growing
- Growth potentially unlimited.
- No big up-front payment.

#### When we want distributed data.

- Worldwide low latency.
- Legal obligations for locations.
- Real-time distribution.





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Other reasons to use MongoDB.

Large data volumes for applications such as:

- loT (internet of things)
- Gaming
- Smart devices
- Social media
- Website interactions / purchases
- Transaction history

When data growth is unpredicted or is growing at a high velocity

When you want distributed data:

Global application usage requiring localized data for speed / legal reasons

Use of 'Zone Sharding' to distribute data across different hardware depending on data age. relevance, etc

# Things to be conscious of

Easy to build with no training.

- Easy to get wrong.
- Performance can suffer
- Issues can arise too late!

DBAs need to be trained and certified.

- Developers do traditional DBA tasks.
- But DBAs have tasks too.
- Forget them at your peril.
- Or use DBaaS like Atlas.





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Easy to get wrong - Although a powerful tool, your applications will suffer in the long run if it's adopted using bad practices. Training and good design are important!

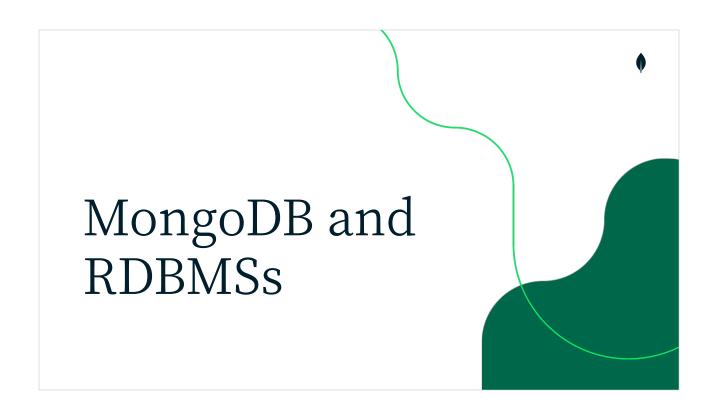
Because something is free and easy to understand the basics of does not mean it's simple to master

Optimization of schema design for most utilized application queries is crucial to long term application performance. Changes to schema design are not impossible, but better to try and get this right from the beginning.

The understanding of using efficient indexing is also crucial to application performance.

Developers should understand how the database works as well as DBAs as they often perform traditional DBA tasks.

Use Atlas for a simplified approach to running and maintaining MongoDB.



### With an RDBMS

Data is stored in an efficient binary form on the disk.

You can index and query any field or set of fields.

You can perform atomic updates to one or more records.

You can update parts of records without retrieving them first.

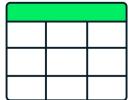
You can compute aggregates and summaries on the server.

Schemas matter and are rigidly enforced by the server.

All fields have a defined data type (String, Integer, Date, etc.).

You join data together for querying and retrieval.

You can query with SQL.



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You can join data together for querying and retrieval.

You can query with SQL using the BI connector add-on.



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Dispelling some myths that some people may have heard about MongoDB - Some features such as schema enforcing are optional, not missing.

You don't need to store every field for each record. If you just omit it, it's null and consumes no space.

Normally a given field has a single data type that can be enforced or not, depending on your requirements.

Data is stored as serialized binary information as BSON and not as JSON. MongoDB is not a JSON database any more than Oracle is a CSV database.

The BI connector is an add-on for MongoDB Enterprise that provides a MySQL Compatible proxy that makes MongoDB pretend to be a MySQL server and provides read-only SQL access.

# What is different in MongoDB

You can Query with SQL but normally don't

- Interaction is from code using Object-based APIs
- Rather than constructing SQL Strings
- SQL is used only to enable third-party BI tools.

Documents/Objects are first-order data types

- Data modeling/Schema design is done differently
- Dynamic schemas can be used if desired

The primary key field is always called \_id



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SQL can be used to query MongoDB, but this is not common. MongoDB uses a more performant query language that involves sending serialized objects over the wire to describe data and give instructions.

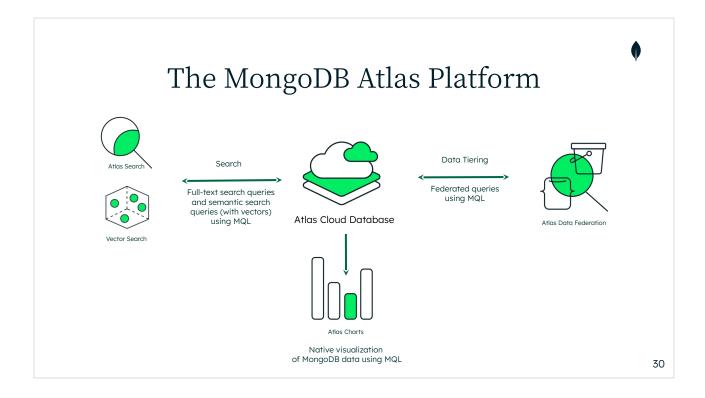
Injection attacks are a concern with SQL as they convert pseudo-English to computer language.

No parsing is required (as with SQL), which reduces server CPU usage.

Good schema design is still paramount with MDB. Just populating with data and utilizing a dynamic schema is possible but may cause performance issues further down the line when querying.

MongoDB will automatically create a unique \_id when one is not supplied. This is GUID and can be used as a primary key if no others are used.





MongoDB Atlas is a fully-managed, integrated data layer designed for modern applications and modern operating models. At its heart, Atlas delivers the latest versions of MongoDB, which provides foundational features such as

- An intuitive and flexible data model
- MongoDB Query Language (MQL) for building nearly any workload
- Transactional guarantees at a global scale
- Unique data distribution capabilities

Atlas Search gives you full text search powered by Lucene on your Atlas hosted databases.

Atlas data lake allows you to store data cheaply in Amazon S3 in JSON, CSV or Parquet format and query them like a MongoDB database.

- This include auto migrating data from Atlas to S3 as it gets older
- And federated queries over Atlas and Data Lake

#### MongoDB Charts

• Rich, document-centric, visualization functionality provided by MongoDB Charts



MongoDB Atlas is MongoDB as a Service.

- Highly available, scalable clusters in AWS/GCP/Azure
- Global availability and scaling
- Development and Business focus
- Manage Database infrastructure



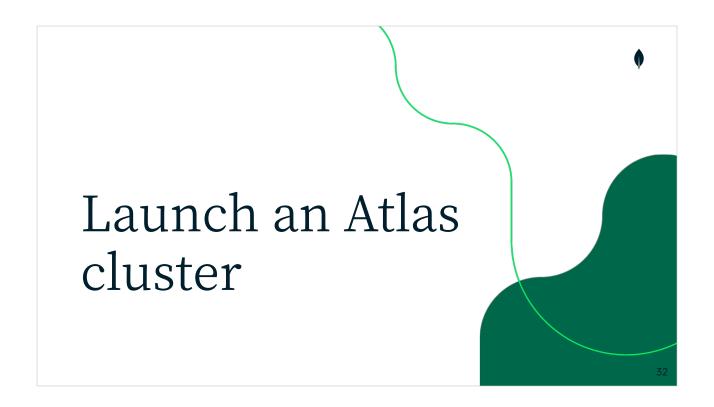
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M0 clusters are free sandbox replica set clusters. You can deploy one M0 cluster per Atlas project. If you do not have an account / corporate login, you can create one: https://www.mongodb.com/cloud

We are going to configure a 3-node replica set for this training.

A Node is synonymous to an instance or a single MongoDB server.

A Cluster is a group of nodes.



# Setting-up MongoDB Atlas

We will set up an Atlas Free Tier cluster

3 Nodes in different datacenters

Highly available

512 MB of storage

Secure by default

Using TLS network encryption

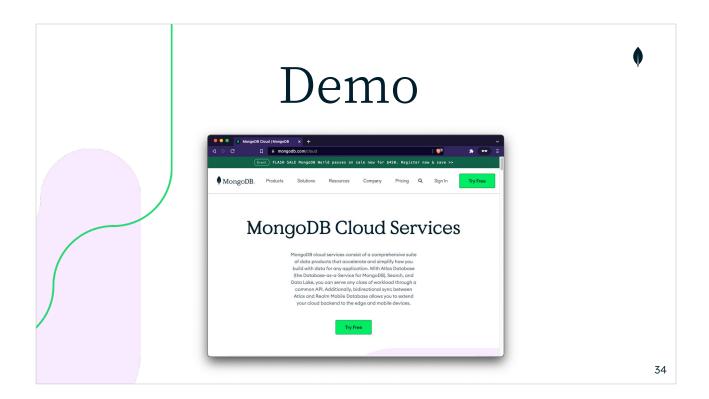
Atlas free tier is on a shared server.

Some functionalities are not available/limited (throughput, number of connections, data transfer limits, monitoring, alerting, API access, etc.)

It is technically large enough to run most small business applications and is free for life.

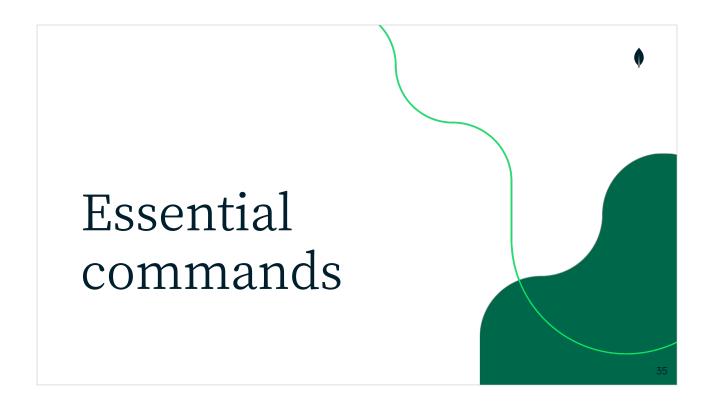
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One of the students will share their screen and the instructor will show the following steps: (Other students should follow along as the Instructor shows each step)

- 1. Signup and login to your lab environment
- 2. Sign Up to cloud.mongodb.com.
  - a. Use personal email id and not your company email address.
  - b. Note down the password
  - c. If the participant already has an account created then the steps maybe slightly different. Assist such students in setting up the free tier cluster.
- 3. Setup a free tier cluster
  - a. Use defaults for setup
  - b. Create a DB user with the following credentials: Username: admin Password: gwerty123
  - c. Load sample data. Depending on the workflow (new account or existing account) the user may or maynot be presented the option to load sample data during cluster creation. Address both situations.
  - d. Add lab VM public IP to network access list in Atlas
- 4. Connect to the new cluster using mongosh from the lab VM





### Useful MongoDB Commands

**Show all databases** in the cluster

Check the current database

**Set db** to the **test** database

Check the current database again

**Show the collections** in the database

```
Atlas [primary] myFirstDatabase> show dbs
admin 377 kB
local 13.8 GB

Atlas [primary] myFirstDatabase> db
myFirstDatabase

Atlas [primary] myFirstDatabase>_use test
switched to db test

Atlas [primary] test> db
test

Atlas [primary] test> show collections

Atlas [primary] test>
```

show dbs is a helper - it's equivalent to a small piece of javascript code to list the databases.

### Some commands:

- **db** this is a database object and is used at the beginning of most commands to run against a DB. Executing just db without any other methods, gives you the current database name.
- show dbs shows available databases
- use <database> selects database to use. Note that it does not need to already exist
- show collections show collections available in the currently selected database. If there are no collections in a database, the command gives an empty response.



### **Database Interaction**

**Find all documents** in a collection

Create new document object **as** variable

**Insert a Document** in the collection

**Find Documents** based on a filter

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Technically you are creating an object - and putting it in MongoDB as a Document, but Record is a generic term.

Some commands:

- **db** this is a database object and is used at the beginning of most commands to run against a db
- insertOne() this allows us to insert an object e.g. db.getCollection('test').insertOne({name:"bob"})
- find() this allows us to query e.g. db.getCollection('test').find()

**Note:** The **employees** collection is automatically created when we execute the insert command. Demo:

- 1. db.employees.find({})
- 2. var employee = { "name" : "Jon", "hungry" : true, "title" : "director" } { name: 'Jon', hungry: true, title: 'director' }
- 3. db.employees.insertOne(employee)
- 4. db.employees.find({hungry:true})
- 5. show collections

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## A JavaScript REPL

mongosh - JavaScript and NodeJS REPL

```
Atlas [primary] test> for(let i=0; i<10; i++) {print(i);}
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
Atlas [primary] test>
```

We can run JavaScript code snippets in mongosh. It is a fully functional JavaScript and NodeJS REPL for interacting with MongoDB deployments.

Note: REPL stands for Read Evaluate Print Loop, and it is a programming language environment (basically a console window) that takes single expression as user input and returns the result back to the console after execution.

The REPL session provides a convenient way to quickly test simple JavaScript code.

```
help
db.help
db.<collection>.help

Atlas [primary] test> help

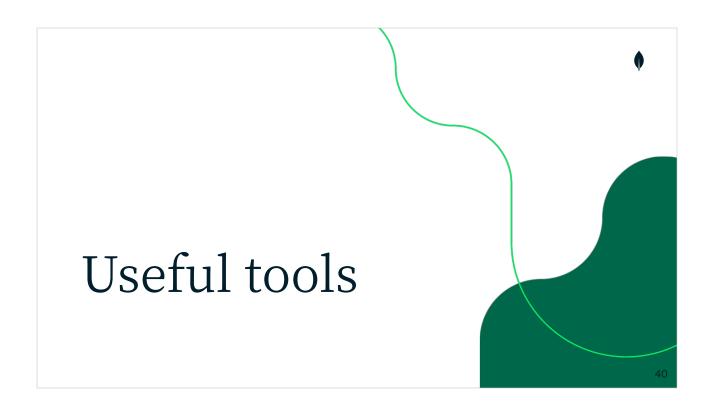
Atlas [primary] test> db.help

Atlas [primary] test> db.test.help

...
```

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help - Shell help db.help - Database class help db.col.help - Collection class help



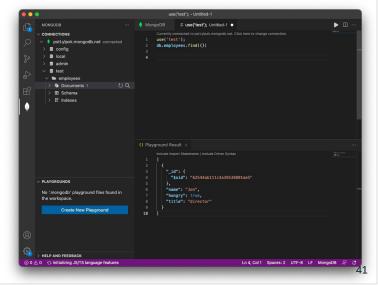


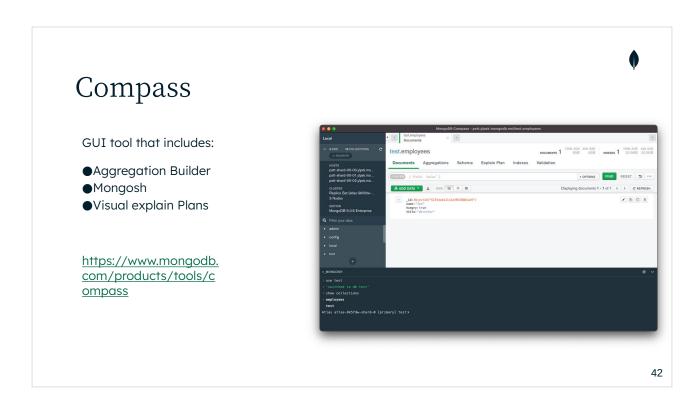
## VSCode Playground

MongoDB for VS Code

Visual Studio Marketplace

Intelligent Autocomplete





You can download and install MongoDB Compass

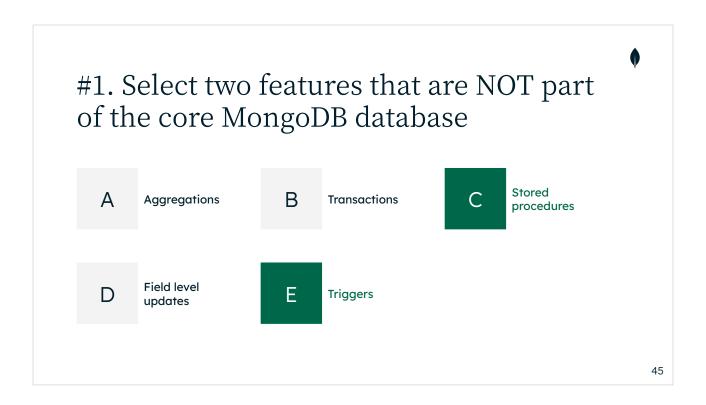




A Aggregations B Transactions C Stored procedures

D Field level updates E Triggers

Answer in the next slide.



## MongoDB

- includes an aggregation framework
- can work with transactions
- allows you to update() and \$set fields in a document

MongoDB does not include any stored procedure

Triggers are a feature of App Services



A Stored as BSON on the disk

B Often queried using BSON syntax

C Homogeneous in a collection

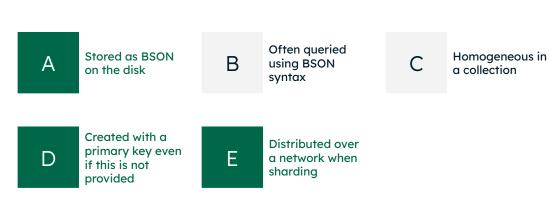
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D Created with a primary key even if this is not provided

E Distributed over a network when sharding

Answer in the next slide.





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MongoDB always stores data in BSON format on disk

Documents inside the same collection can have different structure, different fields, etc, so they are not identical in structure

Though when a document is created we don't need to specify an \_id field, an \_id is mandatory for any document

Documents from the same collection can be distributed in different clusters (sharding)



A Create an Inner
Join on
documents

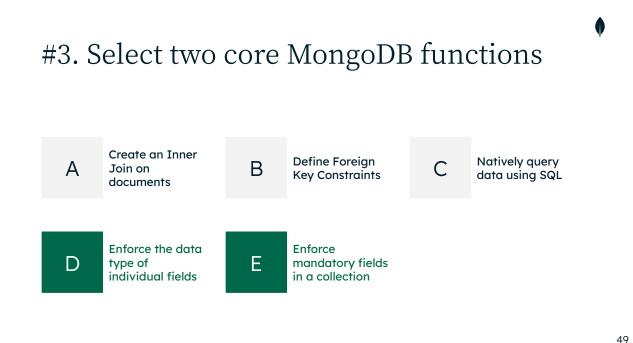
B Define Foreign Key Constraints

C Natively query data using SQL

D Enforce the data type of individual fields

Enforce mandatory fields in a collection

Answer in the next slide.



You can use \$lookup to gather data from other collections on a query but this is not the same as an inner join and it would affect performance, so it is not recommended

MongoDB stores data as BSON format that has a binary data type

It is possible to use SQL syntax to query data in MongoDB using specific connectors, like the BI connector (but not natively)

It is possible in a collection to force the specific fields and data types to define the document structure

The notion of foreign key constraints dont exist in mongoDB (ie, nothing is prevented from being changed/removed on a linked collection)

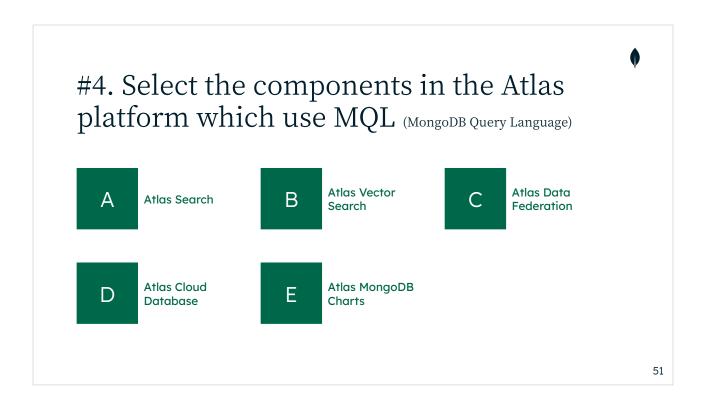


A Atlas Search B Atlas Vector Search C Atlas Data Federation

D Atlas Cloud Database E Atlas MongoDB Charts

Answer in the next slide.

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Refer to the MongoDB Atlas Platform diagram.



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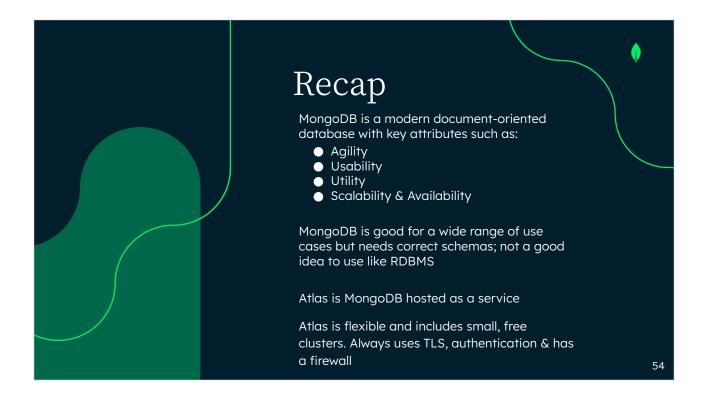
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This question can be described in various ways but the most fitting answer from the provided options is D. It is a DaaS. The service itself can allow for installations and the ability to deploy using different cloud providers - but its still part of the service overall - it also contains a set of tools, but is not the tools directly.



- Data volume, velocity, and variety have increased substantially; software development cycles have decreased; requirements for always-on, scalable systems are increasingly table-stakes. The way software and hardware are purchased and consumed has changed a lot since the RDBMS was first invented.
- MongoDB is a document-oriented database for modern applications:
  - O By using the document model, MongoDB makes it easier to map to modern programming paradigms, faster to retrieve data, and importantly makes it easier to build systems that scale across multiple machines to escape the limits of a single server. Documents are stored as binary in BSON, although often shown using JSON.
  - O MongoDB is agile, usable, capable, and scalable. We integrate well with programming languages and don't sacrifice functionality for scale.
- MongoDB is a general-purpose database with a wide range of use cases and value to bring to all of them.
- Some ways of working with MongoDB are similar to an RDBMS; others require re-thinking
  to ensure that we make the most out of a horizontally scalable document-oriented
  database and avoid costly mistakes.