



# mongoDB

- open-source
- high-performance
- document-oriented database

## What are Commands?

Commands are special MongoDB operations that are executed by running a query against the **\$cmd** collection. Most drivers provide a helper for running commands; here's an example of how to run the `dropDatabase` command from the shell:

```
> db.runCommand({dropDatabase:1});
```

Some commands are admin-only, and must be run on the **admin** database. In the list below those commands are marked with an asterisk (\*).

## Available Commands

To get a list of all commands available on your version of the server, run **"mongod --rest"** and then visit [http://localhost:28017/\\_commands](http://localhost:28017/_commands) in your web browser.

Some of the most frequently used commands are listed below:

**\*{buildinfo: 1}** • Get version number and other build information about the MongoDB server.

**{collStats: coll[,scale: 1]}** • Get stats about collection *coll*. Sizes are in bytes / *scale*.

**{count: coll[,query: query]}** • Get the number of documents in collection *coll* that match the (optional) specified *query*.

**{dbStats: 1}** • Get stats about the current database.

**{distinct: coll, key: key[,query: query]}** • Get a list of distinct values for *key* in *coll* for all documents that match the (optional) specified *query*.

**{drop: coll}** • Delete collection *coll*.



`{dropDatabase: 1}` • Delete the current database.

`{dropIndexes: coll, name: name}` • Drop the index named *name* in collection *coll*.  
Use the name “\*” to drop all indexes in *coll*.

`{findAndModify: ...}` • Perform a findAndModify operation.

`*{fsync: ...}` • Perform a full fsync and optionally take a write lock.

`{getLastError: 1}` • Get the status of the last operation on this connection.

`{group: ...}` • Perform a grouping aggregation.

`{isMaster: 1}` • Check if this server is a primary/master server.

`{listCommands: 1}` • Get a list of available commands.

`*{listDatabases: 1}` • Get a list of databases on this server.

`{mapReduce: ...}` • Run a map/reduce job

`{profile: n}` • Set the database profiler to profiling level *n*.

`{reIndex: coll}` • Re-index collection *coll*.

`*{renameCollection: a, to: b}` • Rename collection *a* to *b*.

`{repairDatabase: 1}` • Repair and compact the current database - can be slow.

`*{replSetGetStatus: 1}` • Get the status of a replica set.

`*{replSetInitiate: config}` • Initiate a new replica set with *config*.

`*{replSetReconfig: config}` • Reconfigure a replica set with *config*.

`*{replSetStepDown: 1}` • If primary in a replica set, step down and let a secondary be promoted.

`*{resync: 1}` • Start a full resync on a replica slave.

`{serverStatus: 1}` • Get lots of administrative statistics about the server.

`*{shutdown: 1}` • Shutdown the MongoDB server.

`*{top: 1}` • Get a breakdown of usage by collection.

`{validate: ns}` • Validate the namespace (collection or index)  
*ns* - can be slow.

