

Database Schema Design for a Non-Relational Information System

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Agenda

- ◆ NoSQL & MongoDB background
- ◆ Data modeling approach
- ◆ Data dictionary & visual schema
- ◆ Retrieval & maintenance requirements
- ◆ Implementation examples
- ◆ Conclusion

What is NoSQL

- Stands for **Not Only SQL??**
- Class of non-relational data storage systems
- Usually do not require a fixed table schema nor do they use the concept of joins
 - Distributed data storage systems
- **Many NoSQL systems relax one or more ACID properties,** particularly consistency, in order to achieve higher scalability and availability.

However, modern systems such as MongoDB support ACID transactions with certain trade-offs.

- Non-relational database paradigm
- Designed for scalability and flexibility
- Often trades strict consistency for availability
- Supports semi-structured and unstructured data

NoSQL: Categories

- Key-value



- Graph database



- Document-oriented



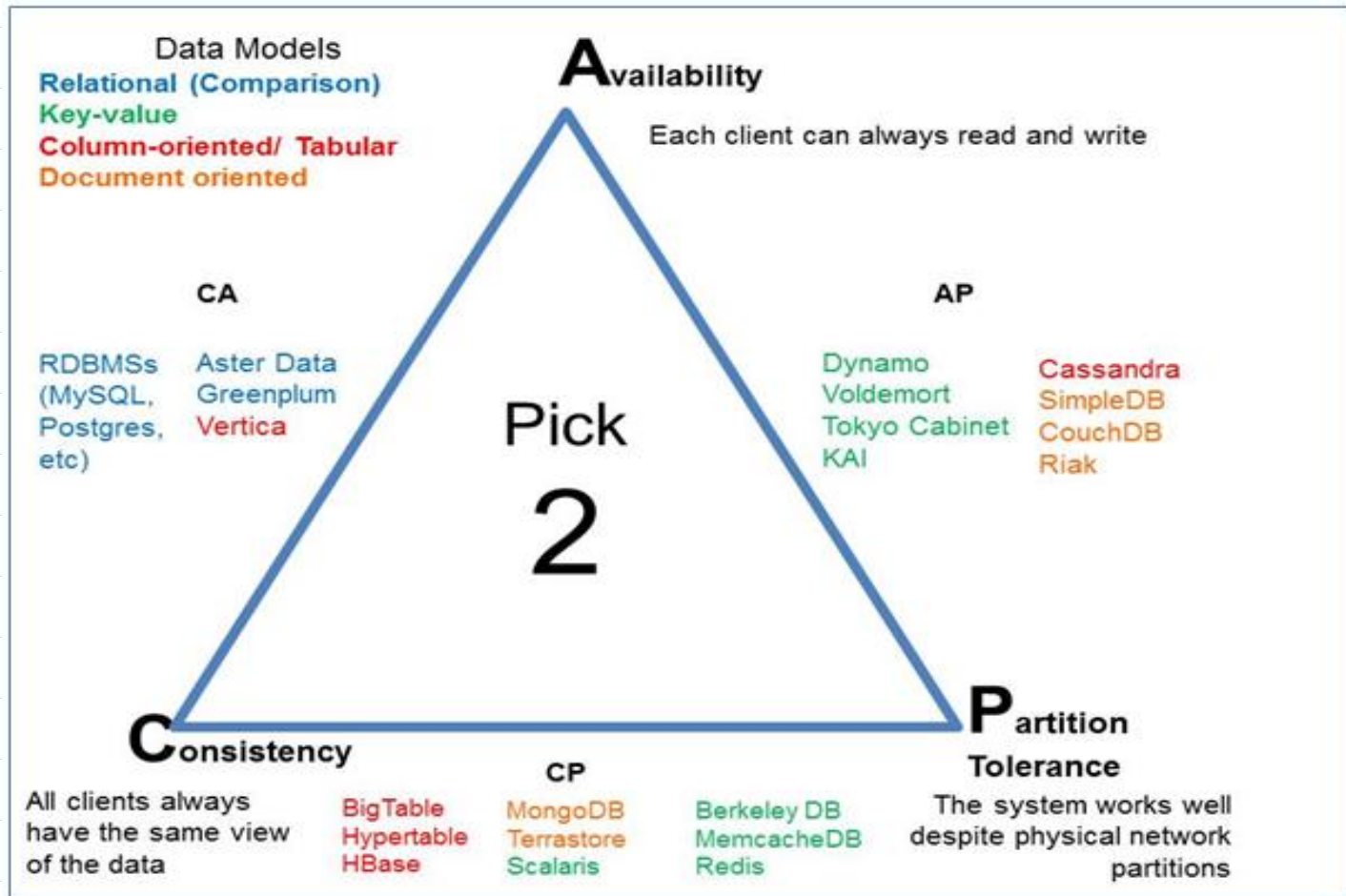
- Column family



CAP Theorem

- Three properties of a system
 - **Consistency** (all copies have same value)
 - **Availability** (system can run even if parts have failed)
 - All nodes can still accept reads and writes
 - **Partition Tolerance** (Even if part is down, others can take over)
- CAP “Theorem”:
 - You can have at most two of these three properties for any system
 - Pick two !!!

CAP Theorem



The BASE Properties

- The CAP theorem proves that it is impossible to guarantee strict Consistency and Availability while being able to tolerate network partitions
- This resulted in databases with relaxed ACID guarantees
- In particular, such databases apply the BASE properties:
 - Basically Available: the system guarantees Availability
 - Soft-State: the state of the system may change over time
 - Eventual Consistency: the system will *eventually* become consistent

What does NoSQL Not Provide

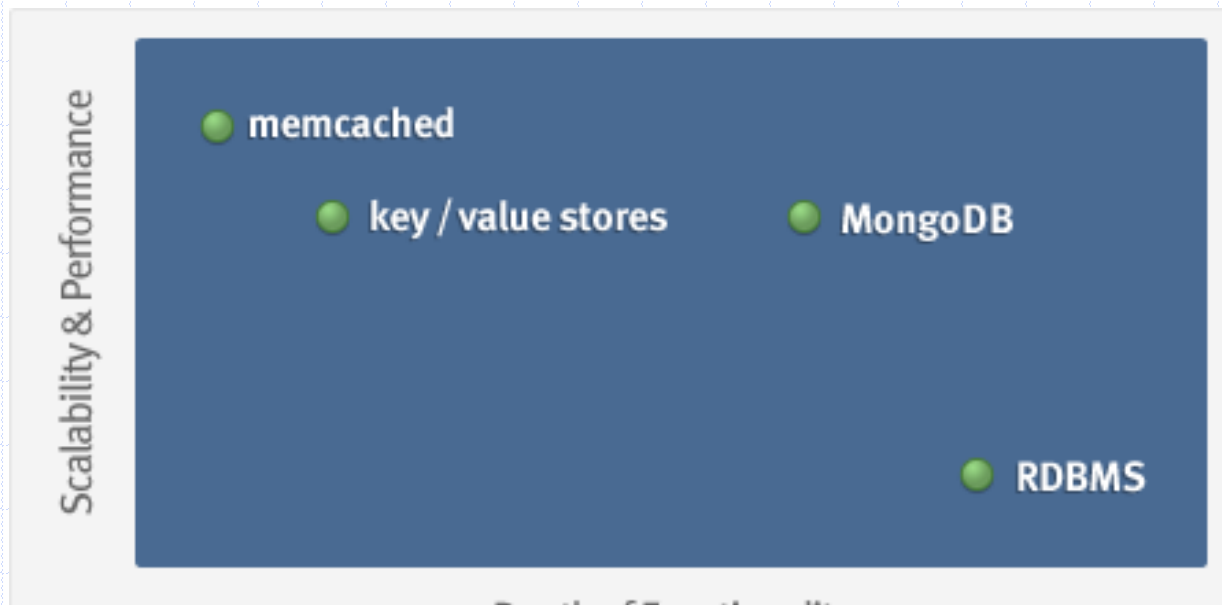
- ◆ No built-in join
- ◆ Historically, NoSQL systems did not support ACID transactions.
- ◆ Modern NoSQL databases, such as MongoDB, now provide ACID transaction support while prioritizing scalability and performance.
- ◆ No SQL

What is MongoDB?

- ◆ **Defination:** MongoDB is an **open source, document-oriented** database designed with both scalability and developer agility in mind.
- ◆ Instead of storing your data **in tables and rows** as you would with a relational database, in MongoDB you store **JSON-like documents** with **dynamic schemas**.
- ◆ **MongoDB is a schema-flexible document-oriented database.**
- ◆ It does not enforce a fixed schema at the storage level, but schemas can be defined and enforced at the application or database validation level.
- ◆ **Document-Oriented DB**
 - Unit object is a document instead of a row (tuple) in relational DBs

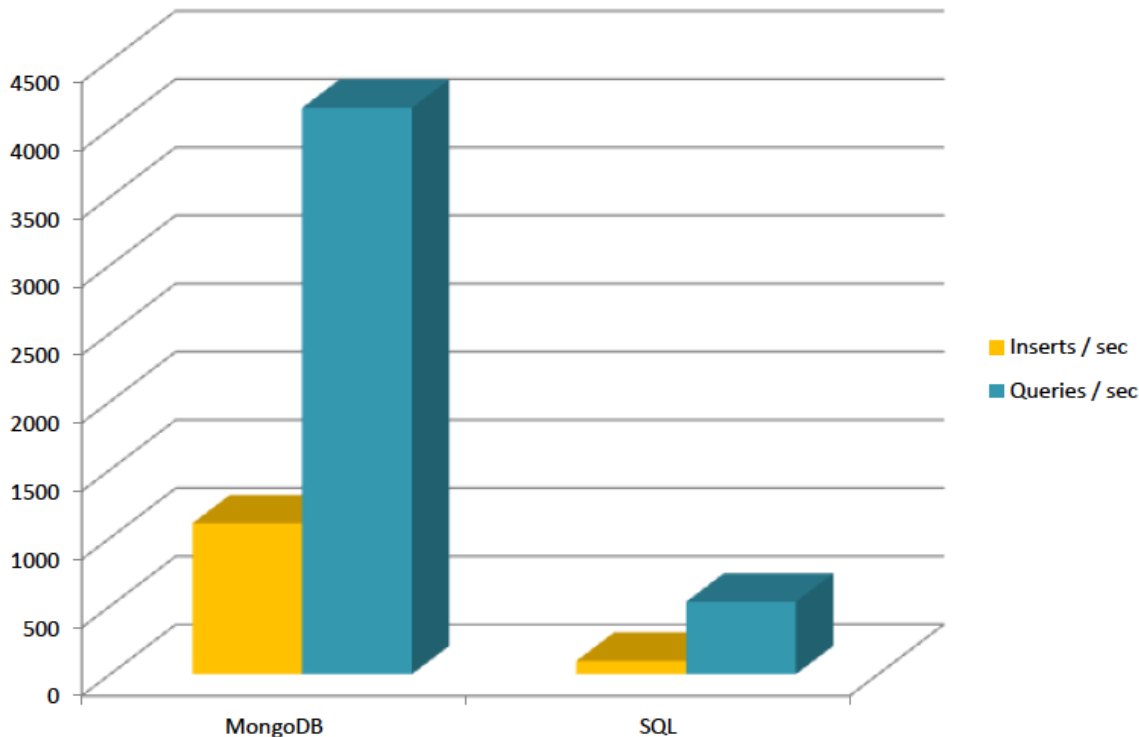
MongoDB: Goal

- ◆ **Goal:** bridge the gap between key-value stores (which are fast and scalable) and relational databases (which have rich functionality).
- ◆ Support complex, semi-structured data
- ◆ Optimize data retrieval



Is It Fast?

- ◆ **MongoDB provides high performance for semi-structured and hierarchical data** by storing related data together in documents, reducing the need for joins and enabling efficient data retrieval.



Integration with Others

- C
- C++
- Erlang
- Haskell
- Java
- Javascript
- .NET (C# F#, PowerShell, etc)
- Node.js
- Perl
- PHP
- Python
- Ruby
- Scala



Data Modeling

- BSON format (binary JSON)
- Developers can easily map to modern object-oriented languages without a complicated ORM layer.
- lightweight, traversable, efficient
- Collections & documents
- Embedded documents
- Arrays for one-to-many relationships
- Aggregate-oriented design

Data Dictionary – Neurological Patient

○ **Patient Document**

- patientId (String): Unique identifier of the patient
- demographics (Object): Personal and administrative patient data
- riskFactors (Array): Known medical risk factors
- visits (Array): Clinical encounters over time
- createdAt, updatedAt (Date): Metadata for document lifecycle

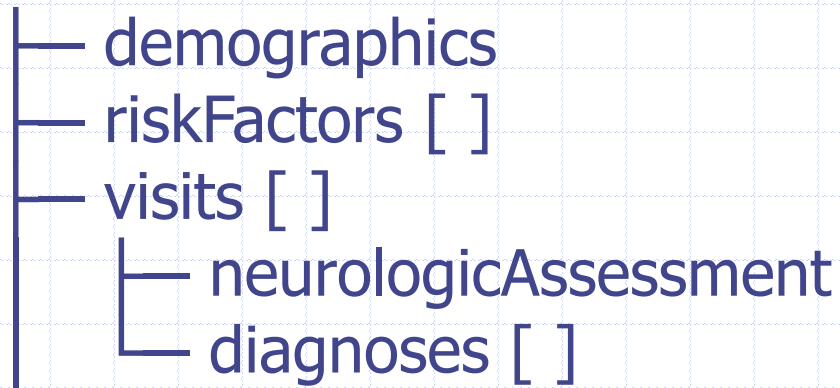
○ **Visit Subdocument**

- visitId (String): Unique visit identifier
- date (Date): Visit date
- complaints (Array): Reported symptoms
- neurologicAssessment (Object): Neurological examination results
- diagnoses (Array): Diagnosed neurological conditions

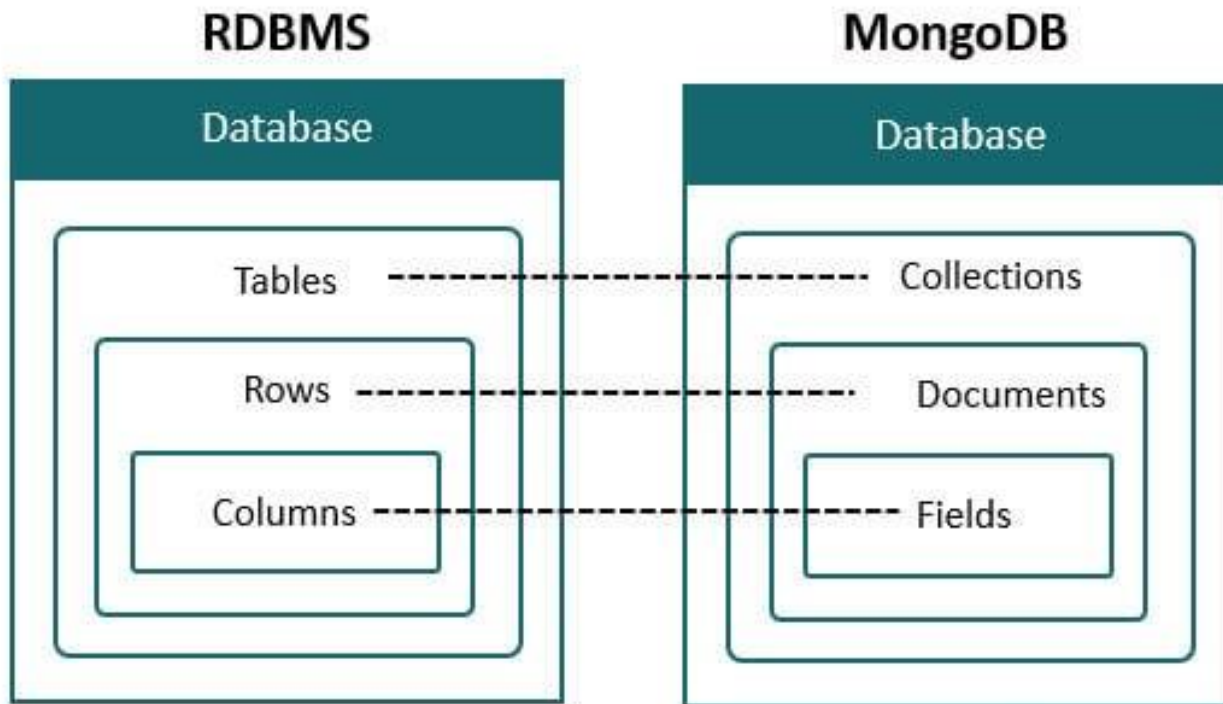
Database Visual Schema

- Single **Patient** document as the main aggregate
- Nested structures represent real-world hierarchy
- One-to-many relationships modeled through arrays
- No foreign keys or join tables
- Data stored together based on access patterns

Patient



Terms Mapping: DB vs. MongoDB



JSON

Field Name

Field Value

One document

```
{
  "firstName": "John",
  "lastName": "Smith",
  "isAlive": true,
  "age": 25,
  "height_cm": 167.6,
  "address": {
    "streetAddress": "21 2nd Street",
    "city": "New York",
    "state": "NY",
    "postalCode": "10021-3100"
  },
  "phoneNumbers": [
    {
      "type": "home",
      "number": "212 555-1234"
    },
    {
      "type": "office",
      "number": "646 555-4567"
    }
  ],
  "children": [],
  "spouse": null
}
```

◆ **Field Value**

- Scalar (Int, Boolean, String, Date, ...)
- Document (Embedding or Nesting)
- Array of JSON objects

MongoDB Model

One **document** (e.g., one tuple in RDBMS)

```
{  
  name: "sue",  
  age: 26,  
  status: "A",  
  groups: [ "news", "sports" ]  
}
```

← field: value
← field: value
← field: value
← field: value

- The field names **cannot** start with the **\$** character
- The field names **cannot** contain the **.** character
- Max size of single document 16MB

One **Collection** (e.g., one Table in RDBMS)

```
{  
  name: "al",  
  age: 18,  
  status: "D",  
  groups: [ "politics", "news" ]  
}
```

Collection

```

{
  _id: ObjectId(7df78ad8902c)
  title: 'MongoDB Overview',
  description: 'MongoDB is no sql database',
  by: 'tutorials point',
  url: 'http://www.tutorialspoint.com',
  tags: ['mongodb', 'database', 'NoSQL'],
  likes: 100,
  comments: [
    {
      user: 'user1',
      message: 'My first comment',
      dateCreated: new Date(2011,1,20,2,15),
      like: 0
    },
    {
      user: 'user2',
      message: 'My second comments',
      dateCreated: new Date(2011,1,25,7,45),
      like: 5
    }
  ]
}

```

Example Document in MongoDB

- `_id` is a special column in each document
- Unique within each collection
- `_id` \leftrightarrow Primary Key in RDBMS
- The default ObjectId value is 12 bytes, but `_id` can be of any data type.
- Or:
 - 1st 4 bytes \rightarrow timestamp
 - Next 3 bytes \rightarrow machine id
 - Next 2 bytes \rightarrow Process id
 - Last 3 bytes \rightarrow incremental values

Design Rationale – Key Modeling Decisions

- Patient-centric document design
- Use of embedded documents for visits and diagnoses
- Avoidance of joins to optimize read performance
- Acceptance of controlled data redundancy
- Schema flexibility to support evolving clinical data
- Query-driven schema design

Data Modeling Strategies in MongoDB

- Embedded model
- Referenced model
- Hybrid model
- Choice depends on:
 - data structure
 - access patterns
 - scalability needs

Comparison of MongoDB Data Modeling Approaches

Aspect	Embedded	Referenced	Hybrid
Data locality	High	Low	Medium
Read performance	Excellent	Moderate	Good
Write scalability	Limited	High	High
Query complexity	Low	High	Medium
Document growth risk	Yes	No	Controlled


Chosen Modeling Strategy

- ◆ Embedded model selected
- ◆ Patient-centric access pattern
- ◆ Complete medical history retrieval
- ◆ Atomic updates at document level
- ◆ Hybrid model considered for large-scale scenarios

Defined Schema

MongoDB does not require a predefined schema at the storage level.

Schema constraints can be enforced using schema validation or at the application layer.



Data Model Comparison

Relational DB vs. NoSQL

Data Model Comparison Relational DB vs NoSQL

This is hard...

Long time to develop

Difficult to change

- Complex relationships
- Dynamic environment

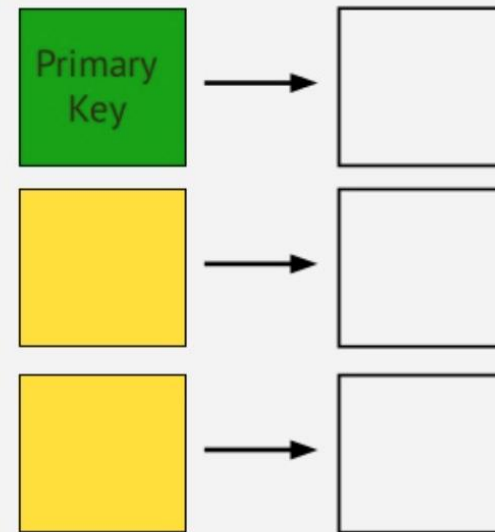
RDBMS are not the best choice

Queries are complex

Relational Data Model

Relational Record

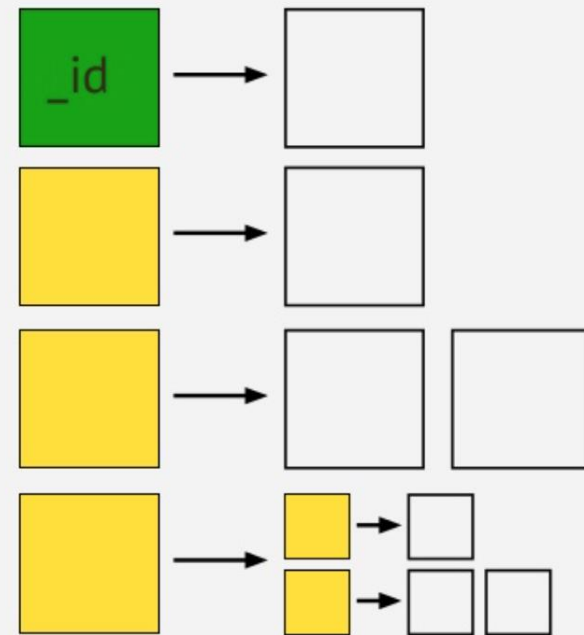
- Two-dimensional storage
- Field contains a single value
- Query on any field
- Very structured schema
- Poor data locality requires many tables, joins, and indexes.



Document Data Model

MongoDB Document

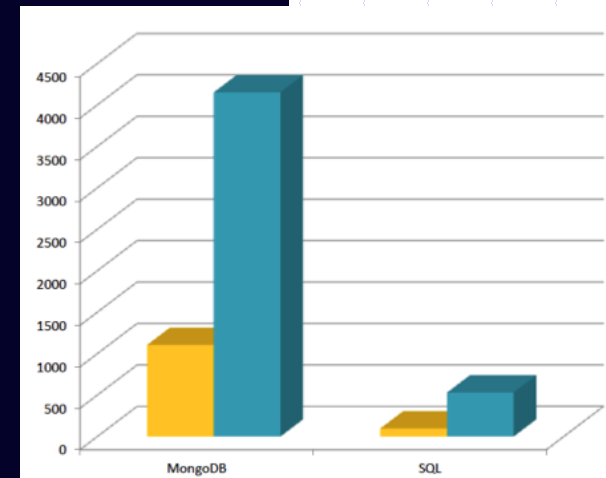
- **N-dimensional** storage
- Field can contain **many** values and **embedded** values
- Query on **any field & level**
- **Flexible** schema
- Optimal data locality requires fewer **indexes** and provides better **performance**



MongoDB does not support joins in the traditional relational sense.

Data relationships are modeled using embedded documents, references, or application-level logic.

Disk seeks and data locality



Data Retrieval Requirements

- ◆ Retrieve complete patient history
- ◆ Filter patients by diagnosis
- ◆ Analyze neurological assessments
- ◆ Support aggregation queries

Data Maintenance Requirements

- ◆ Insert new patient documents
- ◆ Append new visits to existing patients
- ◆ Update nested clinical data atomically
- ◆ Preserve historical medical records
- ◆ Support schema evolution without migrations
- ◆ Maintain consistency at document level

MongoDB CRUD Operations

◆ Create

- `db.collection.insertOne(<document>)`
- `db.collection.insertMany(<document>)`
- `db.createcollection()`

◆ Read

- `db.collection.find(<query>, <projection>)`
- `db.collection.findOne(<query>, <projection>)`

◆ Update

- `db.collection.updateOne(<query>, <update>, <options>)`
- `db.collection.updateMany()`
- `db.collection.replaceOne()`

◆ Delete

- `db.collection.deleteOne()`
- `db.collection.deleteMany()`

CRUD Examples

```
db.users.insertOne(  ← collection
{
  name: "sue",        ← field: value
  age: 26,            ← field: value
  status: "pending"   ← field: value
}                    } document
)
```

```
> db.student.updateOne({name: "Sumit"},{$set:{age: 24 }})
{ "acknowledged" : true, "matchedCount" : 1, "modifiedCount" : 0 }
> db.student.find().pretty()
{
  "_id" : ObjectId("5e540cdc92e6dfa3fc48ddae"),
  "name" : "Sumit",
  "age" : 24,
  "branch" : "CSE",
  "course" : "C++ STL",
  "mode" : "online",
  "paid" : true,
  "amount" : 1499
}
```

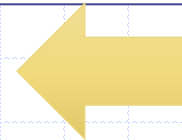
```
[> db.student.find().pretty()
{
  "_id" : ObjectId("5e540cdc92e6dfa3fc48ddae"),
  "name" : "Sumit",
  "age" : 20,
  "branch" : "CSE",
  "course" : "C++ STL",
  "mode" : "online",
  "paid" : true,
  "amount" : 1499
}
```

```
<
> db.student.deleteOne({name: "Sumit"})
{ "acknowledged" : true, "deletedCount" : 1 }
> db.student.find().pretty()
{
  "_id" : ObjectId("5e540d3192e6dfa3fc48ddaf"),
  "name" : "Sumit",
  "age" : 20,
  "branch" : "CSE",
  "course" : "C++ STL",
  "mode" : "online",
  "paid" : true,
  "amount" : 1499,
  "year" : 2020
}
```

Multi-Document Insertion (Use of Arrays)

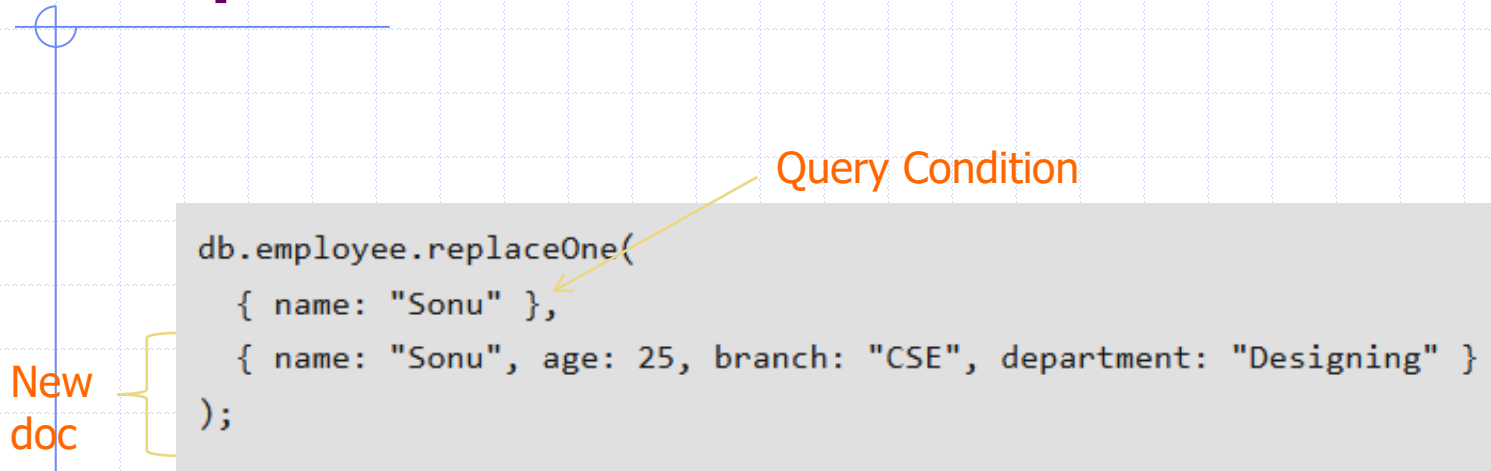
```
var mydocuments =  
[  
  {  
    item: "ABC2",  
    details: { model: "14Q3", manufacturer: "M1 Corporation" },  
    stock: [ { size: "M", qty: 50 } ],  
    category: "clothing"  
  },  
  {  
    item: "MNO2",  
    details: { model: "14Q3", manufacturer: "ABC Company" },  
    stock: [ { size: "S", qty: 5 }, { size: "M", qty: 5 }, { size: "L", qty: 1 } ],  
    category: "clothing"  
  },  
  {  
    item: "IJK2",  
    details: { model: "14Q2", manufacturer: "M5 Corporation" },  
    stock: [ { size: "S", qty: 5 }, { size: "L", qty: 1 } ],  
    category: "houseware"  
  }  
];
```

```
db.inventory.insert( mydocuments );
```



All the documents are
inserted at once

Replace a document



The diagram illustrates the MongoDB `replaceOne` command. A code block contains the following text:

```
db.employee.replaceOne(  
  { name: "Sonu" },  
  { name: "Sonu", age: 25, branch: "CSE", department: "Designing" }  
);
```

Annotations include:

- Query Condition**: An orange arrow points from this text to the first object `{ name: "Sonu" }` in the code.
- New doc**: An orange bracket on the left side of the code points to the second object `{ name: "Sonu", age: 25, branch: "CSE", department: "Designing" }`.

we are replacing a document of an employee whose name is Sonu.

Update

```
> db.employee.updateMany({branch: "CSE"}, {$set: {salary: 35000}})
{ "acknowledged" : true, "matchedCount" : 2, "modifiedCount" : 2 }
> db.employee.find().pretty()
{
  "_id" : ObjectId("5e49177592e6dfa3fc48dd73"),
  "name" : "Sonu",
  "age" : 26,
  "branch" : "CSE",
  "department" : "HR",
  "salary" : 35000
}
{
  "_id" : ObjectId("5e49813692e6dfa3fc48dd74"),
  "name" : "Rohit",
```

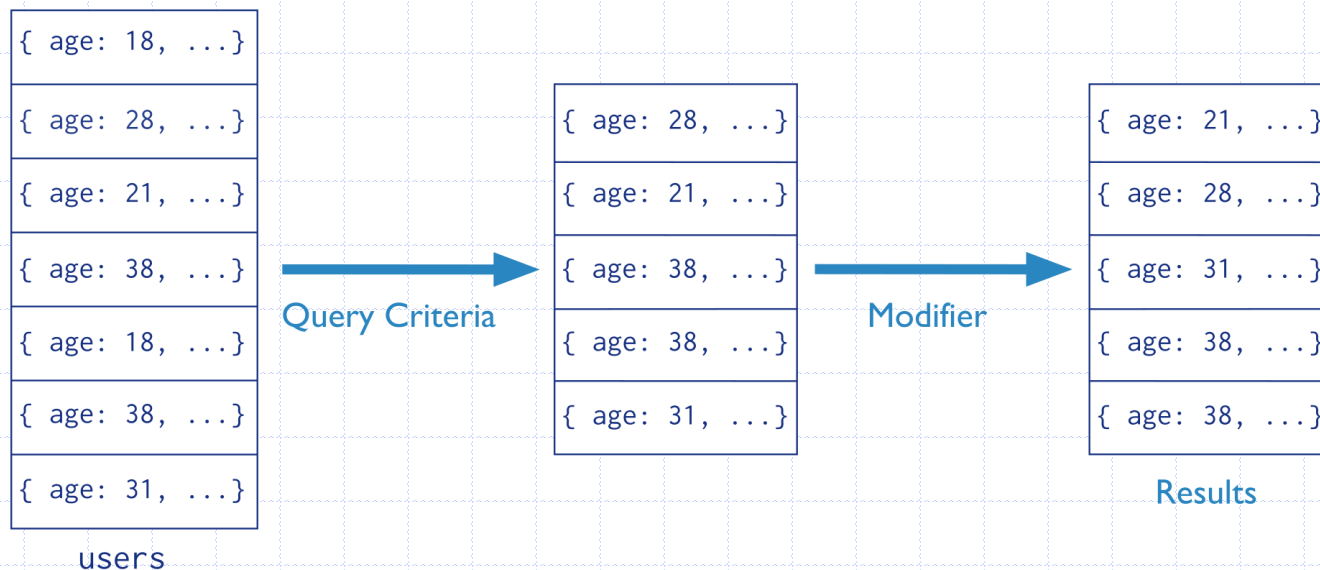
we are updating the salary of those employees whose branch is CSE

Query Language in MongoDB: Find() Operator

Collection Query Criteria Modifier

`db.users.find({ age: { $gt: 18 } }).sort({age: 1 })`

Means ascending



Find() + Projection

```
db.users.find(  
  { age: { $gt: 18 } },  
  { name: 1, address: 1 }  
) .limit(5)
```

← collection
← query criteria
← projection
← cursor modifier

Means inclusion +

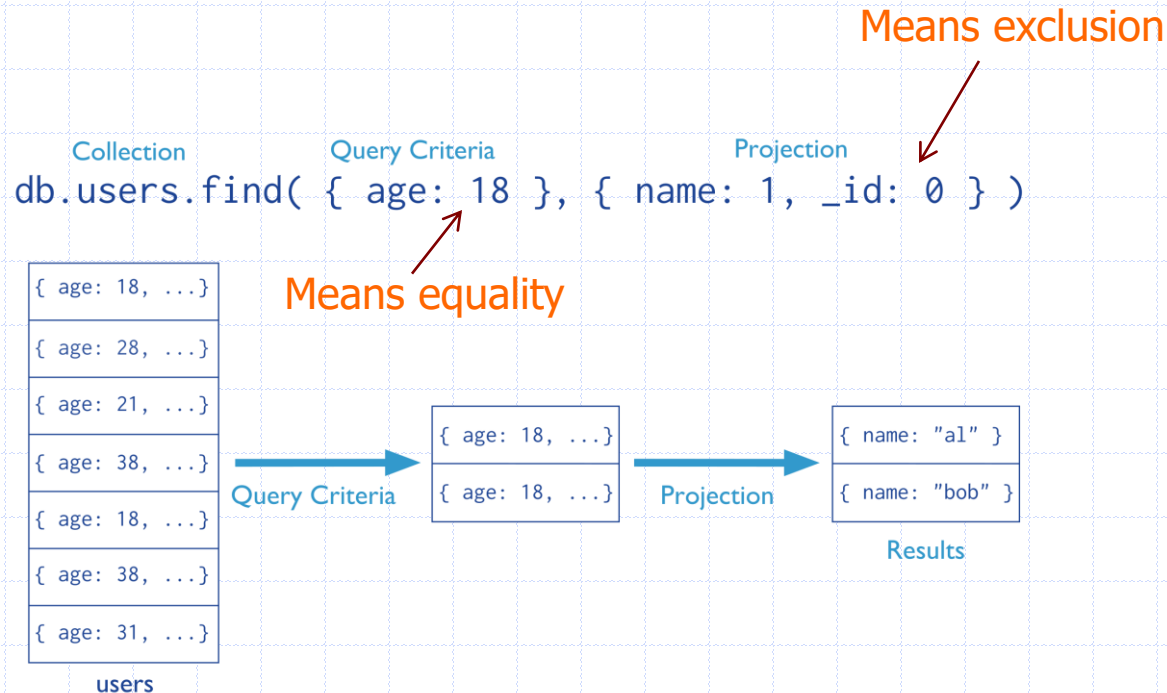
_id is always automatically included

Equivalent to in SQL:

```
SELECT _id, name, address  
FROM users  
WHERE age > 18  
LIMIT 5
```

← projection
← table
← select criteria
← cursor modifier

Find(): Exclude Fields



Cannot mix "inclusion & exclusion" in the same operator except for ***id***

Find() More Examples

Report all documents in the "inventory" collection

```
db.inventory.find( )
```

```
db.inventory.find( {} )
```

Equivalent to in SQL:

```
Select *  
From inventory;
```

Report all documents in the "inventory" collection Where type = 'food' or 'snacks'

```
db.inventory.find(  
  { type: { $in: [ 'food',  
'snacks' ] } }  
)
```

Equivalent to in SQL:

```
Select *  
From inventory  
Where type in  
('food', 'snacks')
```


Find(): AND & OR

AND Semantics

```
db.inventory.find( { type: 'food', price: { $lt: 9.95 } } )
```

OR Semantics

```
db.inventory.find(  
  {  
    $or: [ { qty: { $gt: 100 } }, { price: { $lt: 9.95 } } ]  
  }  
)
```

AND + OR Semantics

```
db.inventory.find(  
  {  
    type: 'food',  
    $or: [ { qty: { $gt: 100 } }, { price: { $lt: 9.95 } } ]  
  }  
)
```

Type = 'food' and (qty > 100 or price < 9.95)

Querying Complex Types

```
{
  "firstName": "John",
  "lastName": "Smith",
  "isAlive": true,
  "age": 25,
  "height_cm": 167.6,
  "address": {
    "streetAddress": "21 2nd Street",
    "city": "New York",
    "state": "NY",
    "postalCode": "10021-3100"
  },
  "phoneNumbers": [
    {
      "type": "home",
      "number": "212 555-1234"
    },
    {
      "type": "office",
      "number": "646 555-4567"
    }
  ],
  "children": [],
  "spouse": null
}
```

Documents can be complex, E.g.,
(Arrays, embedded documents, any nesting of these, many levels)



Queries get complex too
!!!

Array Manipulation- Exact Match

```
{ _id: 5, type: "food", item: "aaa", ratings: [ 5, 8, 9 ] }  
{ _id: 6, type: "food", item: "bbb", ratings: [ 5, 9 ] }  
{ _id: 7, type: "food", item: "ccc", ratings: [ 9, 5, 8 ] }
```

```
db.inventory.find( { ratings: [ 5, 8, 9 ] } )
```

The operation returns the following document:

```
{ "_id" : 5, "type" : "food", "item" : "aaa", "ratings" : [ 5, 8, 9 ] }
```

Array Manipulation - Search By Element

```
{ _id: 5, type: "food", item: "aaa", ratings: [ 5, 8, 9 ] }  
{ _id: 6, type: "food", item: "bbb", ratings: [ 5, 9 ] }  
{ _id: 7, type: "food", item: "ccc", ratings: [ 9, 5, 8 ] }
```

```
db.inventory.find( { ratings: 5 } )
```

The operation returns the following documents:

```
{ "_id" : 5, "type" : "food", "item" : "aaa", "ratings" : [ 5, 8, 9 ] }  
{ "_id" : 6, "type" : "food", "item" : "bbb", "ratings" : [ 5, 9 ] }  
{ "_id" : 7, "type" : "food", "item" : "ccc", "ratings" : [ 9, 5, 8 ] }
```

Notice: if a document has "ratings" as an Integer field = 5, it will be returned

Array Manipulation - Search By Position

```
{ _id: 5, type: "food", item: "aaa", ratings: [ 5, 8, 9 ] }  
{ _id: 6, type: "food", item: "bbb", ratings: [ 5, 9 ] }  
{ _id: 7, type: "food", item: "ccc", ratings: [ 9, 5, 8 ] }
```

```
db.inventory.find( { 'ratings.0': 5 } )
```

The operation returns the following documents:

```
{ "_id" : 5, "type" : "food", "item" : "aaa", "ratings" : [ 5, 8, 9 ] }  
{ "_id" : 6, "type" : "food", "item" : "bbb", "ratings" : [ 5, 9 ] }
```

Notice: if a document has “ratings” as an Integer field = 5, it *will not be* returned

Embedded Object Matching (Exact doc Matching)

```
{  
  name: "Joe",  
  address: {  
    city: "San Francisco",  
    state: "CA" },  
  likes: [ 'scuba', 'math', 'literature' ]  
}
```

```
db.persons.find( { "address" : { state: "CA" } } ) //don't match
```

```
db.persons.find( { "address" : {city: "San Francisco", state: "CA" } } ) // match
```

```
db.persons.find( { "address" : {state: "CA" , city: "San Francisco"}} ) //don't match
```

Exact-
match
(entire
object)

Embedded Object Matching (Field Matching)

```
{  
  name: "Joe",  
  address: {  
    city: "San Francisco",  
    state: "CA" },  
  likes: [ 'scuba', 'math', 'literature' ]  
}
```

Find the user documents where the address's state =
'CA'

`db.persons.find({"address.state" : "CA"})` ← Using dot notation

Collection Modeling

- ◆ Modeling multiple collections that reference each other
- ◆ In Relational DBs → FK-PK Relationships
- ◆ In MongoDB, two options
 - Referencing
 - Embedding

FK-PK in Relational DBs

- Create “Students” relation

```
CREATE TABLE Students
(sid CHAR(20),
 name CHAR(20),
 login CHAR(10),
 age INTEGER,
 gpa REAL);
```

- Create “Courses” relation

```
CREATE TABLE Courses
(cid Varchar2(20),
 name varchar2(50),
 maxCredits integer,
 graduateFlag char(1));
```

- Create “Enrolled” relation

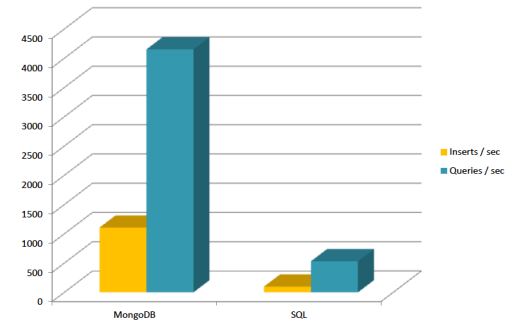
```
CREATE TABLE Enrolled
(sid CHAR(20),
 cid Varchar2(20),
 enrollDate date,
 grade CHAR(2));
```

Foreign key

Foreign key

◆ Each tuple in “Enrolled” reference a specific student and a specific course

In MongoDB



◆ ***Referencing*** between two collections

- Use Id of one and put in the other
- Very similar to FK-PK in Relational DBs
- **Does not come with enforcement mechanism**

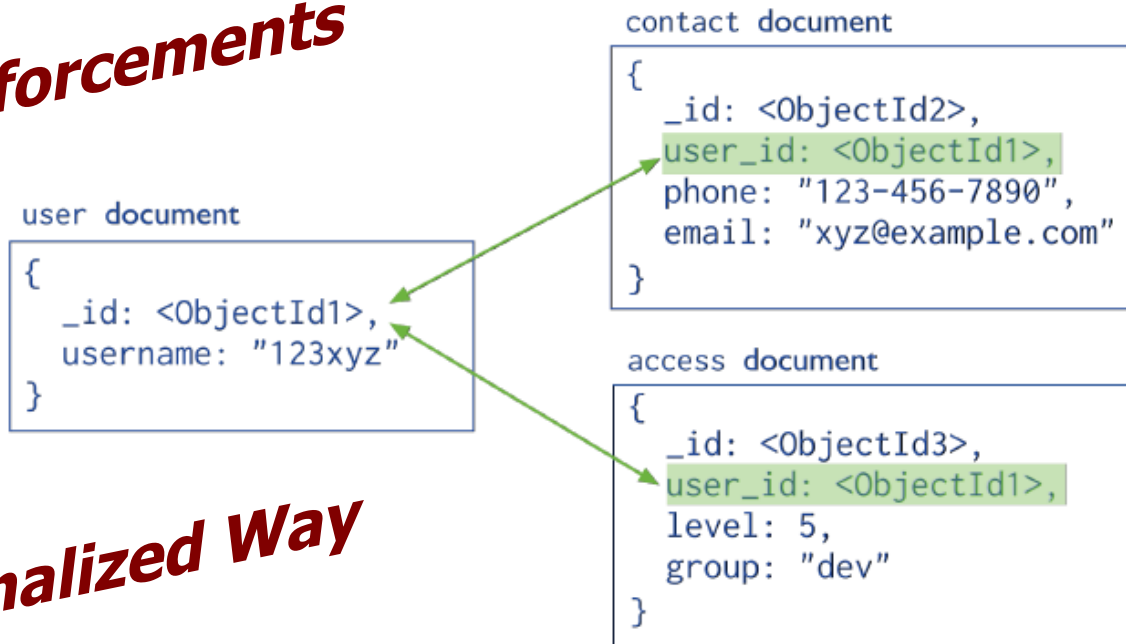
◆ ***Embedding*** between two collections

- Put the document from one collection inside the other one

Hybrid Model

Referencing

No Enforcements



Normalized Way

- Have three collections in the DB: "User", "Contact", "Access"
- Link them by _id (or any other field(s))

Embedding

De-Normalized Way



- ◆ Have one collection in DB: "User"
- ◆ The others are embedded inside each user's document

Examples (1)

◆ "Patron" & "Addresses"

```
{  
  _id: "joe",  
  name: "Joe Bookreader"  
}
```

```
{  
  patron_id: "joe",  
  street: "123 Fake Street",  
  city: "Faketon",  
  state: "MA",  
  zip: "12345"  
}
```

Referencing

- If it is 1-1 relationship
- If usually read the address with the name
- If address document usually does not expand

If most of these hold

→ better use Embedding

Examples (2)

◆ "Patron" & "Addresses"

```
{
  _id: "joe",
  name: "Joe Bookreader",
  address: {
    street: "123 Fake Street",
    city: "Faketon",
    state: "MA",
    zip: "12345"
  }
}
```

Embedding

- When you read, you get the entire document at once
- In Referencing → Need to issue multiple queries

Examples (3)

- ◆ What if a "Patron" can have many "Addresses"

```
{
  _id: "joe",
  name: "Joe Bookreader"
}
```

```
{
  patron_id: "joe",
  street: "123 Fake Street",
  city: "Faketon",
  state: "MA",
  zip: "12345"
}
```

Referencing

- Do you read them together → Go for Embedding
- Are addresses dynamic (e.g., add new ones frequently)
→ Go for Referencing

Examples (4)

- ◆ What if a "Patron" can have many "Addresses"

```
{
  _id: "joe",
  name: "Joe Bookreader",
  addresses: [
    {
      street: "123 Fake Street",
      city: "Faketon",
      state: "MA",
      zip: "12345"
    },
    {
      street: "1 Some Other Street",
      city: "Boston",
      state: "MA",
      zip: "12345"
    }
  ]
}
```

Embedding

**Use array of
addresses**

Examples (5)

- ◆ If addresses are added frequently ...

```
{
  _id: "joe",
  name: "Joe Bookreader",
  addresses: [
    {
      street: "123 Fake Street",
      city: "Faketon",
      state: "MA",
      zip: "12345"
    },
    {
      street: "1 Some Other Street",
      city: "Boston",
      state: "MA",
      zip: "12345"
    }
  ]
}
```

**This array will
expand frequently**



**Size of "Patron"
document increases
frequently**



**May trigger re-
locating the
document each time
(Bad)**

Example



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patients

mongosh: localhost:27017



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```
> db.patients.insertMany([
  {
    patientId: "P2001",
    demographics: {
      firstName: "John",
      lastName: "Doe",
      dateOfBirth: new Date("1980-05-12"),
      gender: "M",
      insuranceNo: "INS-2001"
    },
    riskFactors: [
      { name: "Smoking", status: "Active" },
      { name: "Hypertension", status: "Controlled" }
    ],
    visits: [
      {
        visitId: "V2001-1",
        date: new Date("2024-02-10"),
        complaints: ["Headache", "Dizziness"],
        neurologicAssessment: {
          seizures: false,
          gcs: { eye: 4, verbal: 5, motor: 6 }
        }
      }
    ]
  }
])
```

```
}
>
> db.patients.countDocuments()
< 5
Attica>
```

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Open MongoDB shell

Type a query: { field: 'value' } or Generate query

Explain Reset Find </> Options

ADD DATA EXPORT DATA UPDATE DELETE

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```
_id: ObjectId('69409fe423db9b5a77a9581a')
patientId: "P2001"
demographics: Object
riskFactors: Array (2)
visits: Array (1)
  0: Object
    visitId: "V2001-1"
    date: 2024-02-10T00:00:00.000+00:00
    complaints: Array (2)
      0: "Headache"
      1: "Dizziness"
    neurologicAssessment: Object
    diagnoses: Array (1)
createdAt: 2025-12-15T23:55:16.319+00:00
updatedAt: 2025-12-15T23:55:16.319+00:00
```

```
_id: ObjectId('69409fe423db9b5a77a9581b')
patientId: "P2002"
demographics: Object
riskFactors: Array (1)
visits: Array (1)
createdAt: 2025-12-15T23:55:16.319+00:00
```

Queries

- ◆ // All stroke-related patients
- ◆ `db.patients.find({ "visits.diagnoses.code": { $in: ["I63", "I64"] } })`
- ◆ // Patients with seizures
- ◆ `db.patients.find({ "visits.neurologicAssessment.seizures": true })`
- ◆ // Patient timeline
- ◆ `db.patients.find(`
- ◆ `{ patientId: "P2005" },`
- ◆ `{ demographics: 1, visits: 1 }`
- ◆ `)`
- ◆ // Patients with Smoking risk factor
- ◆ `db.patients.find({ "riskFactors.name": "Smoking" })`

Schema Validation

- JSON Schema validation
- Required fields enforcement
- Improves data quality
- Prevents malformed documents

```
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```

```
< 10
```

```
> db.runCommand({
  collMod: "patients",
  validator: {
    $jsonSchema: {
      bsonType: "object",
      required: ["patientId", "demographics", "visits", "createdAt", "updatedAt"],
      additionalProperties: true,
      properties: {
        patientId: { bsonType: "string", description: "Unique patient identifier" },

        demographics: {
          bsonType: "object",
          required: ["firstName", "lastName", "dateOfBirth", "gender", "insuranceNo"],
          properties: {
            firstName: { bsonType: "string" },
            lastName: { bsonType: "string" },
            dateOfBirth: { bsonType: "date" },
            gender: { enum: ["M", "F", "O"] },
            insuranceNo: { bsonType: "string" }
```

index

- ◆ `db.patients.createIndex({ patientId: 1 }, { unique: true })`
- ◆ `db.patients.createIndex({ "demographics.insuranceNo": 1 }, { unique: true })`
- ◆ `db.patients.createIndex({ "visits.diagnoses.code": 1 })`
- ◆ `db.patients.createIndex({ "riskFactors.name": 1 })`

Test that validation works

- ◆ This insert has gender: "X" (invalid) → should be rejected:

```
> db.patients.insertOne({
  patientId: "P9999",
  demographics: {
    firstName: "Test",
    lastName: "Invalid",
    dateOfBirth: new Date("1990-01-01"),
    gender: "X",
    insuranceNo: "INS-9999"
  },
  visits: [],
  createdAt: new Date(),
  updatedAt: new Date()
})
✖ > MongoServerError: Document failed validation
```

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_id	objectId
createdAt	date
demographics	{ } +
dateOfBirth	date
firstName	string
gender	string
insuranceNo	string
lastName	string
patientId	string
riskFactors	[]
name	string
status	string
updatedAt	date
visits	[]
complaints	[]
date	date
diagnoses	[]
certainty	string
code	string
description	string
diagnosisDate	date
neurologicAss...	{ } +
gcs	{ } +
eye	int
motor	int
verbal	int
seizures	bool
visitId	string

Crud operation

- Insert new patient

```
db.patients.insertOne({
  patientId: "P3001",
  demographics: {
    firstName: "Erion",
    lastName: "Basha",
    dateOfBirth: new Date("1990-04-18"),
    gender: "M",
    insuranceNo: "INS-3001"
  },
  riskFactors: [{ name: "Smoking", status: "Active" }],
  visits: [],
  createdAt: new Date(),
  updatedAt: new Date() })
```

Add a new visit for an existing patient

```
db.patients.updateOne(  
  { patientId: "P2001" },  
  {  
    $push: {  
      visits: {  
        visitId: "V2001-2",  
        date: new Date("2024-10-01"),  
        complaints: ["Memory loss"],  
        neurologicAssessment: {  
          seizures: false,  
          gcs: { eye: 4, verbal: 5, motor: 6 }  
        },  
        diagnoses: []  
      }  
    },  
    $set: { updatedAt: new Date() }  
  } )
```

- ◆ `db.patients.find()`
- ◆ `db.patients.findOne({ patientId: "P2001" })`
- ◆ `db.patients.find({ "visits.diagnoses.code": { $in: ["I63", "I64"] } }, { patientId: 1, demographics: 1 })`
- ◆ `db.patients.find({}, { _id: 0, patientId: 1, demographics: 1 })`
- ◆ `db.patients.updateOne({ patientId: "P2002" }, { $set: { "demographics.insuranceNo": "INS-UPDATED-2002" } })`

Add a new diagnosis to an existing visit

```
db.patients.updateOne(
  { patientId: "P2001", "visits.visitId": "V2001-1" },
  {
    $push: {
      "visits.$.diagnoses": {
        code: "G45",
        description: "Transient Ischemic Attack",
        certainty: "suspected",
        diagnosisDate: new Date()
      }
    },
    $set: { updatedAt: new Date() }
  }
)
```

Delete the patient

◆ db.patients.deleteOne({ patientId:
"P3001" })

Delete a diagnosis from a visit (nested delete)

```
db.patients.updateOne(  
  { patientId: "P2001",  
    "visits.visitId": "V2001-1" },  
  {  
    $pull: {  
      "visits.$.diagnoses": { code:  
"G45" }  
    }  
  }  
)
```

MongoDB Aggregation Commands

◆ **Aggregation** in MongoDB is used to:

- analyze data
- transform documents
- compute summary statistics
- generate derived results

◆ Unlike `find()`, aggregation:

- processes data through a **pipeline**
- applies transformations **stage by stage**
- returns **computed and reshaped results**

Filtering (SQL WHERE)

```
db.patients.aggregate([  
  { $match: { "visits.diagnoses.code": "I63" } }  
])
```


Aggregation and Grouping (SQL GROUP BY)

```
{  
  $group: {  
    _id: "$visits.diagnoses.code",  
    totalOccurrences: { $sum: 1 }  
  }  
}
```

Aggregation vs SQL

SQL

SELECT

WHERE

GROUP BY

HAVING

ORDER BY

COUNT()

MongoDB Aggregation

\$project

\$match

\$group

\$match (after \$group)

\$sort

\$count

Conclusion

- ◆ A complete non relational IS design was presented
- ◆ Supports both retrieval and maintenance
- ◆ This presentation demonstrated the design of a non-relational Information System based on MongoDB, highlighting how document-oriented databases effectively support complex, hierarchical data structures and query-driven access patterns in modern information systems.

Questions

◆ **Thank you for your attention**

◆ Questions?