**CSCI 4333 Section 1  
Annotation**

**Introduction to MongoDB**

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**1. Introduction**

* MongoDB is a NoSQL document model distributed database owned by MongoDB (NASDAQ: MDB).
* Documents are stored in JSON format (BSON to be exact).
* Three versions:
  1. Community server: open source version
  2. Enterprise server: commercial version
  3. Atlas: cloud version

**1.1 Installation**

For this class, install the followings.

1. MongoDB community server: ensure that it includes Mongo Compass, a MongoDB client, <https://www.mongodb.com/try/download/community>
2. Mongo Shell:
   1. mongosh.exe: a Javascript shell for interacting with MongoDB, <https://www.mongodb.com/try/download/shell>.
   2. Do *not* use mongo.exe, the deprecated former shell.
3. Mongo Compass includes a Mongosh.
4. MongoDB tools: command line utilities including import and export, <https://www.mongodb.com/try/download/database-tools>.
   1. After unzipping, you may put mongosh and these utilities in the same location of the other mongoDB programs, e.g., C:\Program Files\MongoDB\Server\5.0\bin.
   2. You may add the directory “C:\Program Files\MongoDB\Server\5.0\bin”, or similar, to the system PATH variable so these tools can be used anywhere.
5. To be able to use MongoDB through Python, you will to install a driver: "pip install pymongo" in cmd.

**1.2 Server-Client DBMS architecture**

* Like many DBMS, MongoDB uses a client server model.
* Server:
  + In case the MongoDB server has not been started, run "mongod" in a command terminal.
  + To check whether mongod is running, execute 'tasklist /FI "IMAGENAME eq mongod.exe"' in Command CLI.
  + It listens to a port to accept and interpret commands and return results.
  + mongod's default port: 27017.
* Clients: send MongoDB commands and accept results. Clients used in this course:
  + Mongo Compass
  + mongosh
  + Python through pymongo (if Python is used.)

**1.3 Resources**

* MongoDB manual: <https://docs.mongodb.com/manual/>

**2. MongoDB Structures**

* MongoDB is structured as db -> collection -> document in a way similar to db -> table -> row in MySQL.
* Thus, documents are inserted into a collection of db.
* db and collection do not need to exist before referencing them.
* In MongoDB's db, within mongosh:
  + 'use tinker' set the default db to tinker.
  + The keyword db refers to the default db.
  + If 'tinker' does not exist, it will be created.

**2.1 Using mongo command CLI through mongosh**

* Run 'mongosh' in command CLI in your working directory.
* Mongosh accept JavaScript commands in a mongo shell setting.
* For inserting documents, it supports two methods, insertOne and insertMany.
* See mongosh CRUD:<https://docs.mongodb.com/mongodb-shell/crud/insert/>.

**3. Writing to Mongo**

1. See CRUD operation in Mongo Guide to begin with: <https://docs.mongodb.com/guides/>.
   1. However, the guide may use the deprecated shell "mongo" instead of "mongosh".
   2. Since mongosh should be used, be mindful of discrepancies.

***Example:***

In mongosh, execute the code:

use tinker  
db.test1.insertOne(  
   {  
      "StudentId" :1,  
      "StudentName" : "Joseph Connor"  
   }  
)  
  
gives the following result:

test> use tinker  
switched to db tinker  
tinker> db.test1.insertOne (  
...     {  
.....           "StudentId" :1,  
.....           "StudentName" : "Joseph Connor"  
.....   }  
... )  
{  
  acknowledged: true,  
  insertedId: ObjectId("61e0d5f36753d9628bb4bfa1")  
}  
tinker> db.test1  
tinker.test1

Note:

1. In "db.test1.insertOne (", the '(' must not be put into the next line.
2. If not, mongosh thinks that the current JavaScript statement has ended and you may get:

tinker> db.test1.insertOne  
[Function: insertOne] AsyncFunction {  
  apiVersions: [ 1, Infinity ],  
  serverVersions: [ '3.2.0', '999.999.999' ],  
  returnsPromise: true,  
  topologies: [ 'ReplSet', 'Sharded', 'LoadBalanced', 'Standalone' ],  
  returnType: { type: 'unknown', attributes: {} },  
  deprecated: false,  
  platforms: [ 0, 1, 2 ],  
  isDirectShellCommand: false,  
  acceptsRawInput: false,  
  shellCommandCompleter: undefined,  
  help: [Function (anonymous)] Help  
}  
tinker> (  
...     {  
.....           "StudentId" :1,  
.....           "StudentName" : "Joseph Connor"  
.....   }  
... )  
{ StudentId: 1, StudentName: 'Joseph Connor' }  
  
In Windows, you may start Compass through the startup manual:

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In Mongo Compass (you may enter nothing in the 'Paste your connection string' connect box):

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* Note that a field \_id with a system generated object id value is created. It is unique and can be served as an id.

If the code is executed one more time, Mongo Compass has:

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Note:

1. There are now two Joseph Connor.
2. StuId is not a 'primary key'.
3. Document model is not set-theoretic. Relation model is set-theoretic.

To insert a document 'doc' only when it does not already exist, use something like:

if (db.test1.find(doc).count() == 0) { db.test1.insertOne(doc) }

Note:

1. 'db.test1.find(doc)' finds the documents doc (one document in the example below). It returns a *cursor*, which is an iterator of the query result.
2. cursor has a method count() to count the result.

The following session illustrates this concept.

Code:

show dbs  
db.dropDatabase()  
show dbs  
  
// remove tinker  
use tinker  
db.test1.find()  
doc = {  
      "StudentId" :1,  
      "StudentName" : "Joseph Connor"  
}  
doc  
if (db.test1.find(doc).count() == 0) { db.test1.insertOne(doc) }  
db.test1.find()  
if (db.test1.find(doc).count() == 0) { db.test1.insertOne(doc) }  
db.test1.find()

Session:

tinker> db.test1.find()  
  
tinker> doc = {  
...             "StudentId" :1,  
...             "StudentName" : "Joseph Connor"  
... }  
{ StudentId: 1, StudentName: 'Joseph Connor' }  
tinker> doc  
{ StudentId: 1, StudentName: 'Joseph Connor' }  
tinker> if (db.test1.find(doc).count() == 0) { db.test1.insertOne(doc) }  
{  
  acknowledged: true,  
  insertedId: ObjectId("61e0e49e6753d9628bb4bfa5")  
}  
tinker> db.test1.find()  
[  
  {  
    \_id: ObjectId("61e0e49e6753d9628bb4bfa5"),  
    StudentId: 1,  
    StudentName: 'Joseph Connor'  
  }  
]  
tinker> if (db.test1.find(doc).count() == 0) { db.test1.insertOne(doc) }  
  
tinker> db.test1.find()  
[  
  {  
    \_id: ObjectId("61e0e49e6753d9628bb4bfa5"),  
    StudentId: 1,  
    StudentName: 'Joseph Connor'  
  }  
]

**3.2 Unique Index**

* A unique index can be used to ensure that all documents within the collection must have unique values on the fields.
* This can be used for use cases of inserting the document only if the unique index has an unique value.
* Thus, a unique index can serve as some sort of a candidate key (if *it is not missing*) for identifying document in the collection.

***Example:***

Code:

// remove tinker  
show dbs  
db.dropDatabase()  
show dbs  
// create index  
db.test1.createIndex( { "StudentId": 1 }, { unique: true } )  
doc = {  
      "StudentId" :1,  
      "StudentName" : "Joseph Connor"  
}  
doc  
db.test1.insertOne(doc)  
db.test1.insertOne(doc)  
  
  
Session:

tinker> // create index  
  
tinker> db.test1.createIndex( { "StudentId": 1 }, { unique: true } )  
StudentId\_1  
tinker> doc = {  
...       "StudentId" :1,  
...       "StudentName" : "Joseph Connor"  
... }  
{ StudentId: 1, StudentName: 'Joseph Connor' }  
tinker> doc  
{ StudentId: 1, StudentName: 'Joseph Connor' }  
tinker> db.test1.insertOne(doc)  
{  
  acknowledged: true,  
  insertedId: ObjectId("6570fb99629ad72db73f7bcf")  
}  
tinker> db.test1.insertOne(doc)  
MongoServerError: E11000 duplicate key error collection: tinker.test1 index: StudentId\_1 dup key: { StudentId: 1 }

Note:

* In 'db.test1.createIndex( { "StudentId": 1 }, { unique: true } )', '"StudentId": 1' means the attribute is a part of the index. It does not mean the value of "StudentId" should be one. 1 stands for true here.
* In { unique: true }, the index is set to have the uniqueness property.

***Example:***

db.test1.insertMany([  
   {   "StudentId" :2,  
      "GPA": 3.72  
   },  
   {   "StudentId" :3,  
      "GPA": 1.69  
   },  
   {  
      "BCAssetId": "78c22fc6-5dec-11ec-bf63-0242ac130002",  
      "BCAssetType": "BCAssetTypeMetadata",  
      "BCAssetName": "BCAssetTypeMetadata: MBSEModel",  
      "ForBCAssetType": "MBSEModel",  
      "Version": {  
         "Version": "1.0",  
         "Subversion": null,  
         "StartTime": "2019-01-13T07:23:13+06:00"  
      }  
   }  
])  
db.test1.find()

Note:

1. The method insertMany() inserts many documents.
2. Documents may have no schema.
3. Within a collection, there can be many kinds of documents.
4. StudentId is a unique index, but it may not exist.
5. Thus, a Mongo's unique index is not exactly the same as a candidate key (which cannot be null) of a table in the relational model.

**4. Elementary Querying**

* Basically use the find method.
* find as supported in Mongosh: <https://docs.mongodb.com/manual/reference/method/db.collection.find/>.
* Format: db.collection.find(query, projection).

**4.1 Toyu**

Create the ‘toyu’ database in MongoDB.

1. Download the file: [toyu-db.gz](https://dcm.uhcl.edu/yue/courses/joinDB/Spring2024/notes/nosql/toyu-db.gz).
2. Ensure that you have download MongoDB tools: command line utilities including import and export, <https://www.mongodb.com/try/download/database-tools>.
3. Run the command:

mongorestore --archive="toyu-db.gz" --gzip --nsFrom='toyu.\*' --nsTo='toyu.\*'

Note that the design of toyu is not the typical way one would design a MongoDB. Instead, it is intended to look like the toyu MySQL database for ease of comparison.

***Example:***

[1] Show all students.

use toyu  
db.student.find()

Getting rid of \_id:

db.student.find({},  
   { "\_id": 0 }    
)

[2] // Show all information of students majoring in 'CINF'.  
  
db.student.find({"major": "CINF"},  
    { "\_id": 0 }  
)  
  
[3] Show all student names. Return an array of student objects.

db.student.find({},  
   { "fname": 1, "lname":1, "\_id": 0 }    
)

[4] Show all student names in this format:

student #0: Tony Hawk  
student #1: Mary Hawk  
student #2: David Hawk  
student #3: Catherine Lim  
student #4: Larry Johnson  
student #5: Linda Johnson  
student #6: Lillian Johnson  
student #7: Ben Zico  
student #8: Bill Ching  
student #9: Linda King

Solution:

result = db.student.find({},  
   { "fname": 1, "lname":1, "\_id": 0 }    
).toArray()  
  
// May not always work as toArray() returns a promise,  
// which may not be ready for use.  
result.forEach((x,i) => console.log('student #' + String(i) + ': ' + x["fname"] + ' ' + x["lname"]))

[5] Show the names and credits (ach) of students majoring in 'CSCI' and having 40 or more credits.

db.student.find(  
   { "major": "CSCI", "ach" : {$gte: 40} },  
   { "fname": 1, "lname":1, "ach":1, "\_id": 0 }    
)

Notes:

1. MongoDb's query and projection operators: <https://docs.mongodb.com/manual/reference/operator/query/>
2. $gte: the greater than or equal operator.

[6] Show the first name and last name of students with a first name starting with a L or B, case insensitive.

db.student.find(  
   { "fname": { $regex: /^[lb]/, $options: "i" } },  
   { "fname": 1, "lname":1, "\_id": 0 }    
)

Notes:

1. A regular expression is used: <https://docs.mongodb.com/manual/reference/operator/query/regex/#mongodb-query-op.-regex>.
2. For regular expressions in general, see: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regular_expression>
3. Explanations:
   1. ^: match the beginning of a string.
   2. [lb]: a character class that matches 'l', 'b' (and also 'L' and 'B' since case insensitive matching is used.)
   3. option a: case insensitive matching.

[7] Show the names and credits (ach) of students majoring in 'CSCI' and having 40 or more credits.

db.student.find(  
   { "$and": [ { "major": "CSCI"}, { "ach": {"$gte": 40}} ] },  
   { "fname": 1, "lname":1, "ach":1, "\_id": 0 }    
)

**4.2 Aggregation**

1. "Aggregation operations process multiple documents and return computed results."
2. See: <https://docs.mongodb.com/manual/aggregation/>.
3. It can be used to replace map-reduce functionality. See: <https://docs.mongodb.com/manual/reference/map-reduce-to-aggregation-pipeline/>.
4. There will not be programming questions on aggregation in the final examination.

[8] Show the number of faculty in each department.

In SQL:  
  
SELECT DISTINCT deptCode, Count(facId)  
FROM faculty  
GROUP BY deptCode;

In MongoDB:

db.faculty.aggregate([  
    {"$group" : {\_id:"$deptCode", "count":{$sum:1}}}  
])  
  
db.faculty.aggregate(  
   [    
      { $group: { "\_id": "$deptCode", "count": {$sum:1}} },  
      { $project: { "deptCode": "$\_id" , "num\_faculty": "$count",  "\_id": 0}}  
   ]  
)

Notes:

1. $group: form group.
2. $sum: aggregate function.
3. $project: pass along the requested fields to the next phase in a pipeline.

[9] Show the names of students who have enrolled in 10000: joining two document.

This should have the similar effect of the SQL statement:

SELECT DISTINCT s.fname, s.lname  
FROM student AS s, enroll AS e  
WHERE s.stuId = e.stuId AND e.classId = 10000;

In MongoDB:

db.student.aggregate([  
{$lookup:  
    {  
      from: "enroll",  
      let: {joinValue: '$stuId'},  
      pipeline: [  
           { $match:  
                 { $expr:  
                    { $and:  
                       [  
                         { $eq: [ "$stuId",  "$$joinValue" ] },  
                         { $eq: [ "$classId", 10000 ] }  
                       ]  
                    }  
                 }  
            }      
        ],  
        as: "enrollment"     }},  
  { $match: {"enrollment":  { $ne: [] }}},    
  { $project: { "fname": 1, "lname": 1, "\_id": 0}}   
])

Notes:

1. An 'join' example.
2. Joining is difficult in MongoDB than SQL as document database should not be designed like a relational database.
3. $$joinValue: the value of the variable $joinValue, which is '$stuId of enroll.
4. In particular:
   1. The relational model uses a flat structure with no embedment.
   2. The document model uses a hierarchical structure encouraging embedment.

**4.3 Running Javascript programs directly without using mongosh**

Try run [tinker1.js.txt](https://dcm.uhcl.edu/yue/courses/joinDB/Spring2024/notes/nosql/tinker1.js.txt) (remove .txt when saving)

// run "npm i mongodb" in the working directory.  
  
// To run this program: node tinker.js  
const mongo = require('mongodb');  
  
var MongoClient = mongo.MongoClient;  
var url = 'mongodb://localhost:27017';  
  
MongoClient.connect(url, function(err, client) {  
   db = client.db("toyu");  
   console.log("hello");  
   var result = db.collection("faculty").find(  
      { "rank": "Assistant Professor" },  
      { "fname": 1, "lname": 1, "deptCode": 1, "\_id": 0,  }    
   ).toArray()  
   result.then((docs) => {  
        console.log(docs);  
    }).catch((err) => {  
        console.log(err);  
    }).finally(() => {  
        client.close();  
    });  
});