Document Databases

Fundamentals

- Basic concept of data is: Document
- Documents are self-describing piece of information
  - hierarchical data structure
    - nested arrays, nested objects
    - contains related information
    - XML, JSON, BSON
- Documents in a collection are similar; all XML or JSON
  - their schema can differ
- Document often contains values of key-value pair, like in JSON
  - indexes can be applied on various fields / keys

Representatives

MS Azure
DocumentDB

Ranked list: http://db-engines.com/en/ranking/document+store

MongoDB: Basics, Features, installation, Queries

MongoDB

- JSON documents database https://www.mongodb.com/
- Initial release in 2009
- written in C++, C, JS
- open source
- cross platform
  - works on linux, Mac OS x, windows, …

Basics features

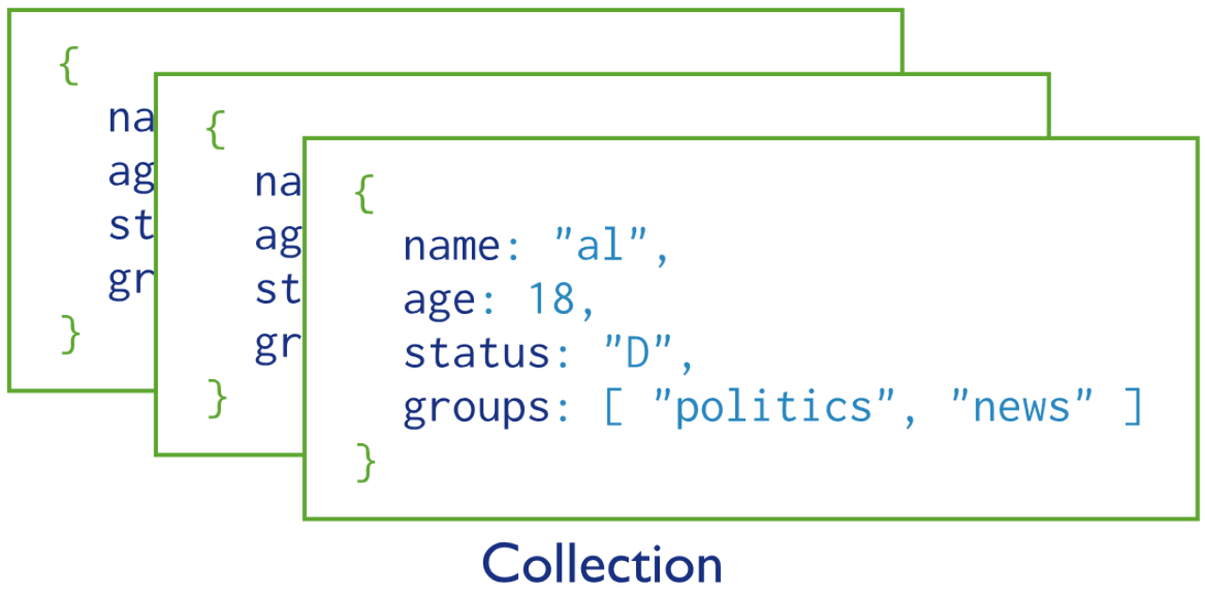
- High performance
  - shards, secondary indexes, data sorted using B Tree
- Automatic scaling
  - automatic sharding across the cluster
- High availability
  - master-slave replication, eventual consistency
- MapReduce support

MongoDB: Data Model

- Structure:
  - instance —> databases —> collections —> documents
- collection
  - consists of documents, usually of similar structure
- document
  - one MongoDB document = JSON object

MongoDB: Document

- Each JSON document
  - belong to a collection
  - has a unique identifier (_id) field, which must be unique
- Internally stored as BSON (Binary JSON)
- Maximal allowed size: 16MB (BSON)
  - use GridFS tool to divide large files into fragments



MongoDB: Fields

- _id is reserved for the primary key
- Field names
  - cannot start with **$**
    - reserved for query operators
  - cannot contain **.**
    - used for accessing nested fields

MongoDB: Primary Key

- is the document identifier
- Features:
  - unique within a collection
  - Immutable (cannot be changed once assigned)
  - can be of any type except array

MongoDB: Identifier Design

- Design
  - Natural identifier
    - each document comes with a uniq identifier
  - Auto incrementing number - not recommended
    - can be slow, one counter to make sure that the number is unique
- Universally Unique Identifier (UUID)
  - 128 bit, longer compared to the ObjectId below
  - standard libraries can be used for that
- ObjectId (default)
  - 12 bytes (96 bits) length
  - 4 bytes representing the timestamp in seconds, 3 bytes machine identifier (usually derived from MAC address), 2 bytes (process id), 3 bytes (counter)

MongoDB: Schema

- Documents have flexible schema
    - schema is not required or enforced
- Key decision for data modeling
    - references vs. embedded documents
- It is important because it controls
    - the aggregate content
    - the data structure
    - relationship between data

Schema: embedded docs

- contact & access can be considered sub-documents
- related data in one document
  - the aggregate will contain all related data

```
{
  _id: <ObjectId1>,
  username: "123xyz",
  contact: {
             phone: "123-456-7890",
             email: "xyz@example.com"
           },
  access: {
             level: 5,
             group: "dev"
           }
}
```

Embedded sub-document

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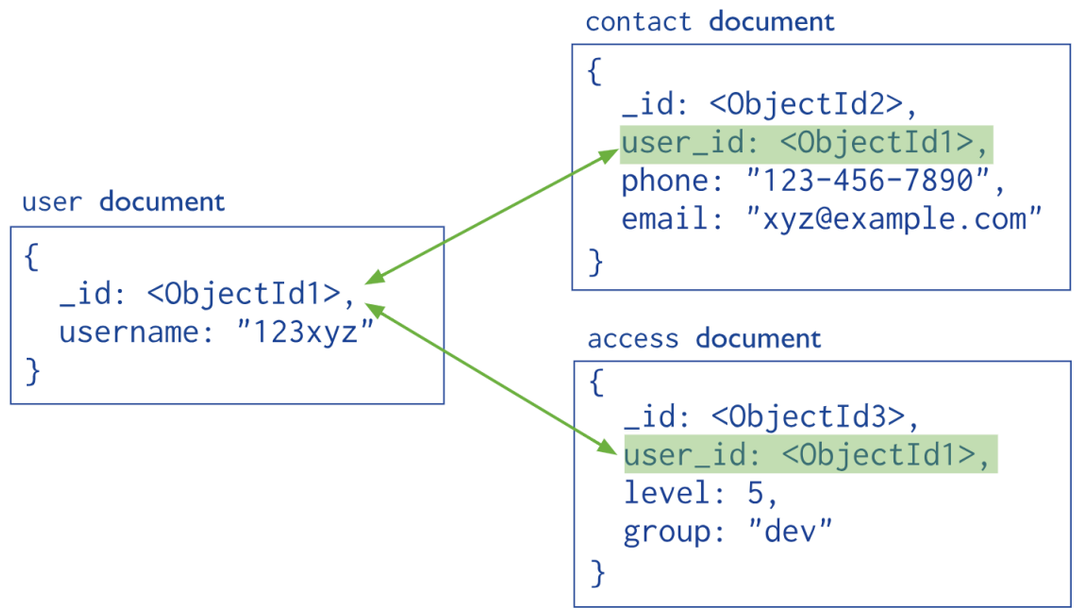
Schema: embedded docs

- Called denormalized schema
    - document is not flat, contains nested sub-docs
- Benefits:
    - manipulate related data in one operation
        - better performance, less queries
- when to use this
    - one-to-one, one-to-many relationship
- Drawback:
    - document size might exceed max. allowed doc. size

Schema: references

- links / references from one document to another
- normalized schema
  - flat document



Schema: references

- Useful to model
  - large hierarchal collection
  - many-to-many relationships
- Drawback
  - various queries to related data might be required
    - related data is stored in multiple documents

Collections Example

Collection of **movies**

```
{
  _id: ObjectId("1"),
  title: "Vratné lahve", year: 2006,
  actors: [ ObjectId("7"), ObjectId("5") ]
}
```

```
{
  _id: ObjectId("2"),
  title: "Samotáři", year: 2000,
  actors: [ ObjectId("6"), ObjectId("4"),
            ObjectId("5") ]
}
```

```
{
  _id: ObjectId("3"),
  title: "Medvídek", year: 2007,
  actors: [ ObjectId("5"), ObjectId("4") ]
}
```

Collection of **actors**

```
{ _id: ObjectId("4"),
  firstname: "Ivan",
  lastname: "Trojan" }
```

```
{ _id: ObjectId("5"),
  firstname: "Jiří",
  lastname: "Macháček" }
```

```
{ _id: ObjectId("6"),
  firstname: "Jitka",
  lastname: "Schneiderová" }
```

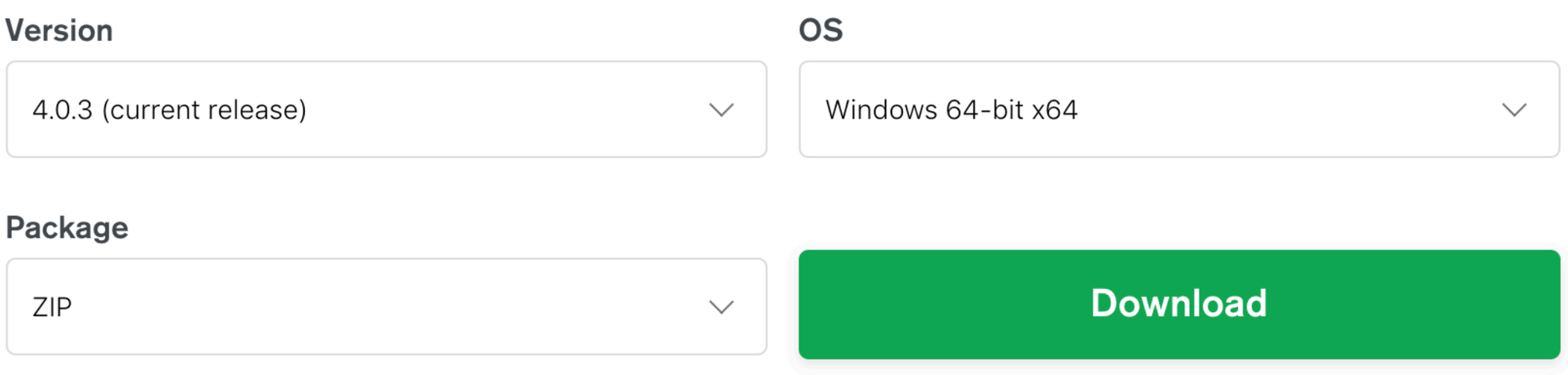
```
{ _id: ObjectId("7"),
  firstname: "Zdeněk",
  lastname: "Svěrák" }
```

MongoDB: Install

- Consideration
  - Use window command interpreter cmd.exe
  - Add mongoDB binaries to the system path
    - this will help in typing mongodb from command line with no need to put the full path

MongoDB: Install

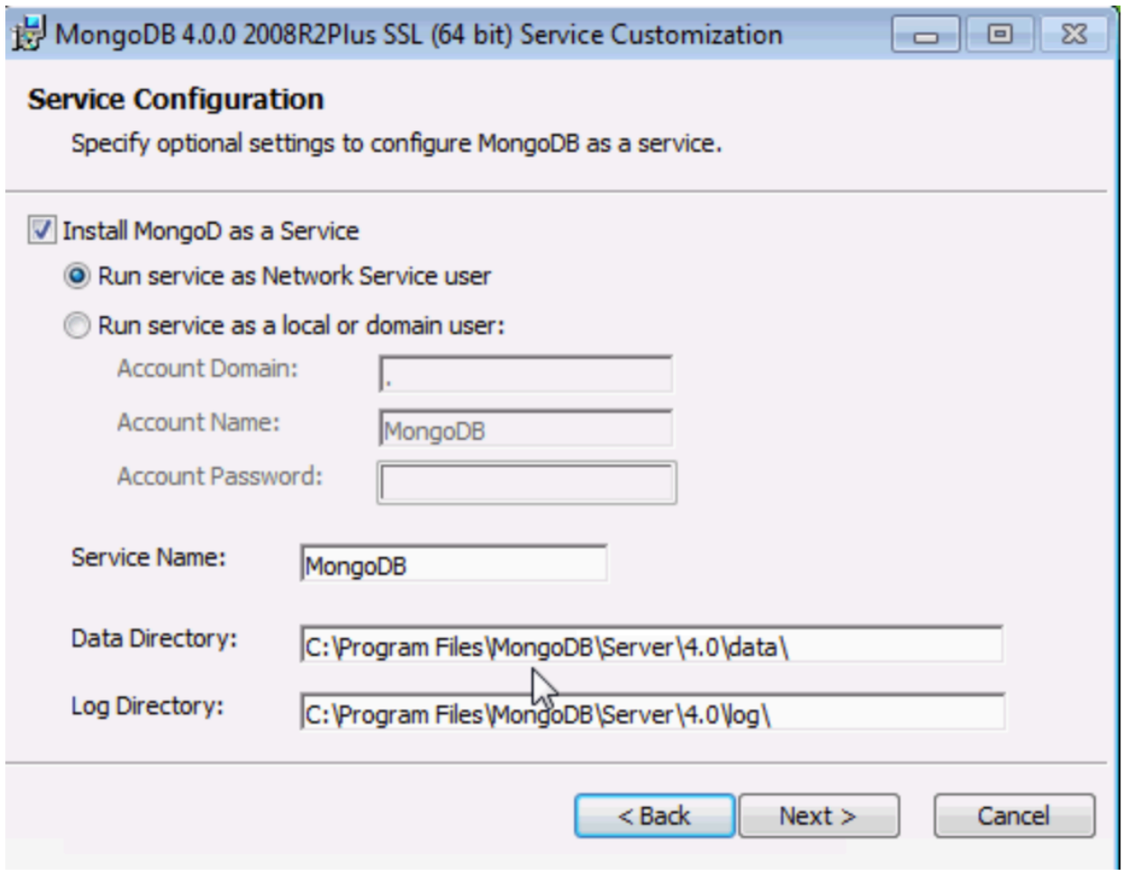
- Download MongoDB community edition
  - select the platform on which you want to install mongoDB and the package format



download page: https://www.mongodb.com/download-center/community?jmp=docs

MongoDB: Install

- Double click on the **.msi** file
- follow the installation wizard
- you can choose custom or complete installation



MongoDB: Install

- Specify the directory path
    - directory where mongoDB will store collections
- specify the log directory
    - this directory will be used to store the logging

MongoDB: start DB

- from the path where mongoDB is installed
- run

```
“C:\Program Files\MongoDB\Server\4.0\bin\mongod.exe” --dbpath="c:\data\db"
```

- - - dbpath points to the DB directory

MongoDB: connect

- Open another command interpreter
- run

```
"C:\Program Files\MongoDB\Server\4.0\bin\mongo.exe"
```

Application Interface

- Mongo shell
  - interactive JavaScript interface to mongoDB
- Drivers for various languages
  - Java, Python, Scala, Ruby, PHP, C, C++, C#

Mongo Query Language

- A mongoDB query
  - targets a specific collection of documents
  - specifies criteria/ condition that identify returned document (selection)
    - May select fields (projection)
    - May impose limit, sort on returned result
- Query syntax: db.collectionName.query
- return all documents
  - db.users.find(), db.users.find({})

CRUD Operations

- CRUD refers to:
  - Create, Read, Update, Delete
- Operations:
  - insert new document
    - db.collection.**insert()**
  - delete an existing document
    - db.collection.**remove()**
  - update an existing document
    - db.collection.**update()**
  - find document(s)
    - db.collection.**find()**

Querying: Example

Collection — Query Criteria — Modifier

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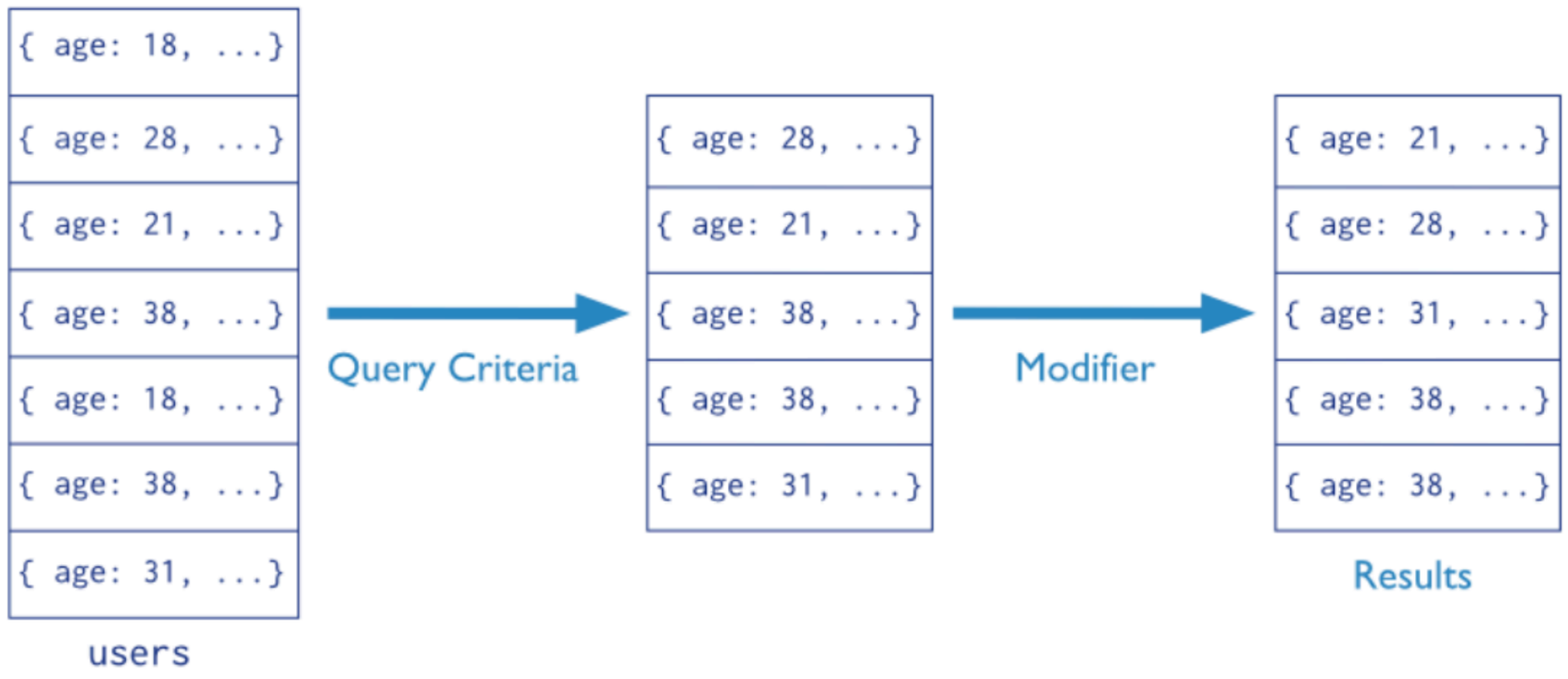

Selection

```
db.inventory.find({ type: "snacks" })
```

- All documents from a collection inventory, where type field has the value snacks

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

- All documents from a collection inventory, where type field is either snacks or food

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

- All documents from a collection inventory, where type field is snacks and price is <9.95

Inserts

- insert document with three fields

```
db.inventory.insert({

_id: 10,

type: "misc",

item: "card",

qty: 15})
```

  - the _id is user specified

```
db.inventory.insert({type: "book", item: "journal"})
```

- insert document, the _id is not provided

  - it will be generated by the database

```
{ "_id": ObjectId("58e209ecb3e168f1d3915300"),

type: "book", item: "journal" }
```

Update

- Find all documents matching the query

```
{type: "book", item : "journal"}
```

- Sets the field qty to 10

```
{ qty: 10 }
```

- upsert is true
  - then in case of no match
  - create new document
    - contains: _id, type, item, qty

```
db.inventory.update(

 { type: "book", item :

"journal" },

 { $set: { qty: 10 } },

 { upsert: true }  )
```