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Finding the indexes in a collection

getIndexes() method in MongoDB is used to find all the indexes created on a collection.

Syntax

db.collection_name.getIndexes()

Example:

To get all the indexes of **student** collection, the command will be:

> **> db.school.getIndexes()**

```
C:\Program Files\MongoDB\Server\4.2\bin\mongo.exe
> db.school.getIndexes()
[
        {
                "v" : 2,
                "key" : {
                        "_id" : 1
                },
                "name" : "_id_",
                "ns" : "abc.school"
        },
        {
                "v" : 2,
                "key" : {
                        "student count" : -1
                },
                "name" : "student count_-1",
                "ns" : "abc.school"
        },
        {
                "v" : 2,
                "key" : {
                        "class" : -1,
                        "section" : 1
                },
                "name" : "class_-1_section_1",
                "ns" : "abc.school"
        }
]
>
```

The above example shows that **three** indexes are there in "**student**" collection. These are
- the default index created on **_id** with name "**_id_**",
- The single index we have created on "student name" field with name **"student count_-1"**,
- The compound index we have created on "class" and "student count" with name **"class_-1_section_1"**,

Drop index(es) in a collection

1. Dropping a index:

dropIndex() method is used to drop i.e. delete or remove a particular index on a collection.

Syntax

db.collection_name.dropIndex(index)

where index can be either "index_name" for example, "**student count_-1**" or **"class_-1_section_1"**,
OR

"index specification document" for example, **{ "student count" : -1} or { class" : -1, "section" : 1}**

Example:

db.school.dropIndex("student count_-1") will delete the index with index name "**student count_-1**"

```
> db.school.dropIndex("student count_-1")
{ "nIndexesWas" : 3, "ok" : 1 }
>
> db.school.getIndexes()
[
        {
                "v" : 2,
                "key" : {
                        "_id" : 1
                },
                "name" : "_id_",
                "ns" : "abc.school"
        },
        {
                "v" : 2,
                "key" : {
                        "class" : -1,
                        "section" : 1
                },
                "name" : "class_-1_section_1",
                "ns" : "abc.school"
        }
]
```

nIndexesWas: 3 --shows how many indexes were there before this command got executed i.e. 3
ok: 1: -- means the command is executed successfully.

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2. For dropping a compound index:

dropIndexes() method is are used to drop i.e. delete or remove, all the indexes on a collection except the index on the **_id** field.

Syntax

db.collection_name.dropIndexes()

without any parameter it will delete all indexes except on _id field, if we specify the "index_name" or "index specification document" it will delete that particular index and act like **db.collection_name.dropIndex()** method.

Example

db.student.dropIndexes() will delete all the indexes.

```
C:\Program Files\MongoDB\Server\4.2\bin\mongo.exe
> db.school.dropIndexes()
{
        "nIndexesWas" : 3,
        "msg" : "non-_id indexes dropped for collection",
        "ok" : 1
}
>
> db.school.getIndexes()
[
        {
                "v" : 2,
                "key" : {
                        "_id" : 1
                },
                "name" : "_id_",
                "ns" : "abc.school"
        }
]
>
```

Msg: "non-_id indexes dropped for collection" – means that the default index _id will still remain and cannot be dropped.

nIndexesWas: 3 --shows how many indexes were there before this command got executed i.e. 3
ok: 1: -- means the command is executed successfully.

Assignment

1. How to find index in collection in MongoDB?

2. How to drop index in collection in MongoDB? Explain with example.