COLUMN BASED MONGODB DATA MODEL AND CRUD OPERATIONS

MongoDB is not inherently a column-based database but a **document-based NoSQL database**. However, you can simulate a column-oriented model by organizing documents and collections in a way that resembles columnar storage, which is common in column-family databases like Apache Cassandra.

Below, we'll discuss how to adapt a **column-based model** conceptually within MongoDB, followed by CRUD operations.

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1. Column-Based Data Modeling in MongoDB

In a columnar database, data is stored in columns rather than rows, allowing for efficient read/write operations for analytical workloads. In MongoDB, you can emulate this behavior by:

A. Schema Design for Column-Oriented Storage

- Use collections to represent tables.
- Store columns as individual fields in a document.
- For sparse datasets, use **null** values or omit fields entirely (MongoDB handles sparse data efficiently).

Example:

Imagine a "sales" dataset where each column (e.g., `product`, `date`, `revenue`, `region`) is a field in the document.

```
json
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{
  "_id": "txn001",
  "product": "Laptop",
  "date": "2025-01-10",
  "revenue": 1200,
  "region": "North America"
}
```

B. Storing Wide-Column Data

For wide-column storage, use nested documents or array structures to represent column families.

```
json
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{
  "_id": "txn002",
  "product": "Phone",
  "details": {
    "date": "2025-01-12",
    "region": "Europe"
  },
  "metrics": {
    "revenue": 800,
    "units_sold": 50
  }
}
```

2. CRUD Operations in a Column-Based MongoDB Model

A. Create

- Insert documents with fields representing columns.
- **Command**: `insertOne()` or `insertMany()`
- Example:

```
javascript
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db.sales.insertOne({
  product: "Tablet",
  date: "2025-01-13",
  revenue: 500,
  region: "Asia"
});
```

B. Read

- Query specific columns (fields) or all columns (entire document).
- **Command**: `find()` or `findOne()`
- Example:

```
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// Retrieve all columns for all rows
db.sales.find();

// Retrieve specific columns
db.sales.find({}, { product: 1, revenue: 1, _id: 0 });

// Filter by column value
db.sales.find({ region: "Europe" });
```

C. Update

- Modify specific columns (fields) in a document.
- **Command**: `updateOne()` or `updateMany()`
- Example:

```
javascript
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// Update the revenue of a single transaction
db.sales.updateOne(
  { product: "Laptop" },
  { $set: { revenue: 1300 } }
);

// Add a new column (field) to multiple documents
db.sales.updateMany(
  { region: "North America" },
  { $set: { discount: 0.1 } }
);
```

D. Delete

- Remove rows (documents) or clear specific columns (fields).
- **Command**: `deleteOne()` or `deleteMany()`
- Example:

```
javascript
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// Delete a specific row
db.sales.deleteOne({ product: "Tablet" });

// Remove a specific column from all rows
db.sales.updateMany({}, { $unset: { discount: "" } });
```

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3. Use Cases for Columnar-Like Models in MongoDB

Column-based modeling in MongoDB can be useful for:

1. **Analytics Workloads**: Storing metrics or time-series data for quick aggregation.
2. **Sparse Datasets**: Storing only relevant fields for specific records.
3. **Dynamic Schema Requirements**: Where fields may vary between records.

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4. Limitations and Considerations

1. **Not True Columnar Storage**: MongoDB stores documents row-by-row internally, so it lacks the performance optimizations of true columnar databases for large-scale analytical queries.
2. **Indexing**: Use indexes on frequently queried columns to optimize performance.
3. **Aggregation Framework**: MongoDB's powerful aggregation framework can be used to simulate columnar-like querying.