
nanomongo Documentation

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nanomongo is a minimal MongoDB Object-Document Mapper for Python. It does not attempt to be a feature-complete ODM but if you like using `pymongo` api with python dictionaries and often find yourself writing validators and `pymongo.Collection` wrappers, nanomongo might suit your needs.

nanomongo has full test coverage.

Quick Links: [Source \(github\)](#) - [Documentation \(rtd\)](#) - [Packages \(PyPi\)](#)

Version 0.4: Utility methods [dbref_field_getters](#), [get_dbref\(\)](#) and Bugfix [Python23 text type compatibility](#)

Version 0.3: nanomongo is now python2 compatible (with syntactic difference when defining your Document, see [Defining Your Document](#) below).

CHAPTER 1

Installation

```
$ pip install nanomongo
```


2.1 Defining Your Document

```
import pymongo
from nanomongo import Index, Field, BaseDocument

mclient = pymongo.MongoClient()

class Py23CompatibleDoc(BaseDocument):
    client = mclient
    db = 'dbname'
    dot_notation = True
    foo = Field(str)
    bar = Field(int, required=False)

# Python3 only
class Py3Doc(BaseDocument, dot_notation=True, client=mclient, db='dbname'):
    foo = Field(str)
    bar = Field(int, required=False)

    __indexes__ = [
        Index('foo'),
        Index([('bar', 1), ('foo', -1)], unique=True),
    ]
```

You don't have to declare `client` or `db` as shown above, you can `register()` (and I definitely prefer it on python2) your document later as such:

```
client = pymongo.MongoClient()
MyDoc.register(client=client, db='dbname', collection='mydoc')
```

If you omit `collection` when defining/registering your document, `__name__.lower()` will be used by default

2.2 Creating, Inserting, Saving

```
doc = MyDoc(foo='42') # or MyDoc({'foo': '42'})
doc.bar = 42 # attribute style access because dot_notation=True
doc.insert()
```

`insert()` is a wrapper around `pymongo.Collection().insert()` and has the same return value (`_id`) unless you explicitly set `w=0`

```
doc.foo = 'new foo' # this change is recorded
del doc.bar # this is recored as well
doc.save() # save only does partial updates
```

`save()` uses `pymongo.Collection().update()` with the changed data. The above will run

```
update({'_id': doc['_id']}, {'$set': {'foo': 'new foo'}, '$unset': {'bar': 1}})
```

2.3 Querying

```
Doc.find({'bar': 42})
Doc.find_one({'foo': 'new foo'})
```

`find()` and `find_one()` methods are essentially wrappers around respective methods of `pymongo.Collection()` and they take the same arguments.

CHAPTER 3

Extensive Example

See example

4.1 \$addToSet

MongoDB \$addToSet update modifier is very useful. nanomongo implements it.

`addToSet()` will do the *add-to-field-if-doesnt-exist* on your document instance and record the change to be applied later when `save()` is called.

```
# lets expand our MyDoc
class NewDoc(MyDoc):
    list_field = Field(list)
    dict_field = Field(dict)

NewDoc.register(client=client, db='dbname')
doc_id = NewDoc(list_field=[42], dict_field={'foo':[]}).insert()
doc = NewDoc.find_one({'_id': doc_id})

doc.addToSet('list_field', 1337)
doc.addToSet('dict_field.foo', 'like a boss')
doc.save()
```

Both of the above `addToSet` are applied to the `NewDoc` instance like MongoDB does it eg.

- create list field with new value if it doesn't exist
- add new value to list field if it's missing (append)
- complain if it is not a list field

When `save` is called, query becomes:

```
update({'$addToSet': {'list_field': {'$each': [1337]}},
      'dict_field.foo': {'$each': ['like a boss']}})
```

Undefined fields or field type mismatch raises `ValidationError`.

4.2 QuerySpec check

`find()` and `find_one()` has a simple check against queries that can not match, logging warnings. This is an experimental feature at the moment and only does type checks as such:

`{ 'foo': 1 }` will log warnings if

- Document has no field named `foo` (field existence)
- `foo` field is not of type `int` (field data type)

or `{ 'foo.bar': 1 }` will log warnings if

- `foo` field is not of type `dict` or `list` (dotted field type)

dbref_field_getters

Documents that define `bson.DBRef` fields automatically generate getter methods through `nanomongo.document.ref_getter_maker()` where the generated methods have names such as `get_<field_name>_field`.

```
class MyDoc(BaseDocument):
    # document_class with full path
    source = Field(DBRef, document_class='some_module.Source')
    # must be defined in same module as this will use
    # mydoc_instance.__class__.__module__
    destination = Field(DBRef, document_class='Destination')
    # autodiscover
    user = Field(DBRef)
```

`nanomongo` tries to guess the `document_class` if it's not provided by looking at registered subclasses of `BaseDocument`. If it matches two (for example when two document classes use the same collection), it will raise `UnsupportedOperation`.

CHAPTER 6

pymongo & motor

Throughout the documentation, pymongo is referenced but all features work the same when using `motor` transparently if you register the document class with a `motor.MotorClient`.

```
import motor
from nanomongo import Field, BaseDocument

class MyDoc(BaseDocument, dot_notation=True):
    foo = Field(str)
    bar = Field(list, required=False)

client = motor.MotorClient().open_sync()
MyDoc.register(client=client, db='dbname')

# and now some async motor queries (using @gen.engine)
doc_id = yield motor.Op(MyDoc(foo=42).insert)
doc = yield motor.Op(MyDoc.find_one, {'foo': 42})
doc.addToSet('bar', 1337)
yield motor.Op(doc.save)
```

Note however that pymongo vs motor behaviour is not necessarily identical. Asynchronous methods require `tornado.ioloop.IOLoop`. For example, `register()` runs `ensure_index` but the query will not be sent to MongoDB until `IOLoop.start()` is called.

7.1 nanomongo.field — Field

7.1.1 Field

class nanomongo.field.**Field**(*args, **kwargs)

Instances of this class is used to define field types and automatically create validators. Note that a Field definition has no value added:

```
field_name = Field(str, default='cheeseburger')
foo = Field(datetime, auto_update=True)
bar = Field(list, required=False)
```

classmethod **check_kwargs**(kwargs, data_type)

Check keyword arguments & their values given to Field constructor such as default, required...

generate_validator(t, **kwargs)

Generates and returns validator function (value_to_check, field_name=''). field_name kwarg is optional, used for better error reporting.

Field.__init__(*args, **kwargs)

Field kwargs are checked for correctness and field validator is set, along with other attributes such as required and auto_update

Keyword Arguments

- *default*: default field value, must pass type check, can be a callable
- *required*: if True field must exist and not be None (default: True)
- *auto_update*: set value to `datetime.utcnow()` before inserts/saves; only valid for date-time fields (default: False)

7.2 nanomongo.document — BaseDocument

7.2.1 BaseDocument

class nanomongo.document.**BaseDocument** (*args, **kwargs)

BaseDocument class. Subclasses should be used. See `__init__()`

BaseDocument.**__init__** (*args, **kwargs)

Init's the document with given data and validates the fields (field validation bad idea during init?). If you define `__init__` method for your document class, make sure to call this

```
class MyDoc(BaseDocument, dot_notation=True):
    foo = Field(str)
    bar = Field(int, required=False)

    def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
        super(MyDoc, self).__init__(*args, **kwargs)
        # do other stuff
```

classmethod BaseDocument.**register** (client=None, db=None, collection=None)

Register this document. Sets client, database, collection information, builds (ensure) indexes and sets SON manipulator

classmethod BaseDocument.**get_collection** ()

Returns collection as set in nanomongo

classmethod BaseDocument.**find** (*args, **kwargs)

pymongo.Collection().find wrapper for this document

classmethod BaseDocument.**find_one** (*args, **kwargs)

pymongo.Collection().find_one wrapper for this document

BaseDocument.**validate** ()

Override this to add extra document validation, will be called at the end of `validate_all()`

BaseDocument.**validate_all** ()

Check against extra fields, run field validators and user-defined `validate()`

BaseDocument.**validate_diff** ()

Check correctness of diffs before partial update, also run user-defined `validate()`

BaseDocument.**run_auto_updates** ()

Runs functions in nanomongo.transforms like auto_update stuff before `insert()` `save()`

BaseDocument.**insert** (**kwargs)

Insert document into database, return `_id`. Runs `run_auto_updates()` and `validate_all()`

BaseDocument.**save** (**kwargs)

Saves document. This method only does partial updates and no inserts. Runs `run_auto_updates()` and `validate_all()` prior to save. Returns `Collection.update()` response

BaseDocument.**addToSet** (field, value)

MongoDB `Collection.update()` \$addToSet functionality. This sets the value accordingly and records the change in `__nanodiff__` to be saved with `save()`.

```
# MongoDB style dot notation can be used to add to lists
# in embedded documents
doc = Doc(foo=[], bar={})
doc.addToSet('foo', new_value)
doc.addToSet('bar.sub_field', new_value)
```

Contrary to how `$set` has no effect under `__setitem__` (see `RecordingDict.__setitem__`) when the new value is equal to the current; `$addToSet` explicitly adds the call to `__nanodiff__` so it will be sent to the database when `save()` is called.

`BaseDocument.get_dbref()`

create a `bson.DBRef` instance for this `BaseDocument` instance

`nanomongo.document.ref_getter_maker(field_name, document_class=None)`

create dereference methods for given `field_name` to be bound to Document instances

7.3 nanomongo.util — RecordingDict

7.3.1 RecordingDict

class `nanomongo.util.RecordingDict(*args, **kwargs)`

A dictionary subclass modifying `__setitem__()` and `__delitem__()` methods to record changes in its `__nanodiff__` attribute

check_can_update (*modifier, field_name*)

Check if given *modifier field_name* combination can be added. MongoDB does not allow field duplication with update modifiers. This is to be used with methods `addToSet` ...

clean_other_modifiers (*current_mod, field_name*)

Given *current_mod*, removes other *field_name* modifiers, eg. when called with `$set`, removes `$unset` and `$addToSet` etc. on *field_name*

get_sub_diff ()

get `__nanodiff__` from embedded documents. Find fields of `RecordingDict` type, iterate over their diff and build dotted keys for top level diff

reset_diff ()

reset `__nanodiff__` recursively; to be used after saving diffs. This does NOT do a rollback. Reload from db for that

`RecordingDict.__init__(*args, **kwargs)`

class `nanomongo.util.NanomongoSONManipulator(as_class, transforms=None)`

A pymongo SON Manipulator used on data that comes from the database to transform data to the document class we want because *as_class* argument to pymongo find methods is called in a way that screws us.

- Recursively applied, we don't want that
- `__init__` is not properly used but rather `__setitem__`, fails us

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7.4 nanomongo.errors

class `nanomongo.errors.NanomongoError`

Base nanomongo error

class `nanomongo.errors.ValidationError`

Raised when a field fails validation

class nanomongo.errors.**ExtraFieldError**

Raised when a document has an undefined field

class nanomongo.errors.**ConfigurationError**

Raised when a required value found to be not set during operation, or a Document class is registered more than once

class nanomongo.errors.**IndexMismatchError**

Raised when a defined index does not match defined fields

class nanomongo.errors.**UnsupportedOperation**

Raised when an unsupported operation/parameters are used

class nanomongo.errors.**DBRefNotSetError**

Raised when a DBRef getter is called on not-set DBRef field

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