

MongoDB

How do I pause/unpause shard balancing in MongoDB?

During index creations and other long operations it is sometimes helpful to pause shard rebalancing.

To pause/disable sharding connect with the console and run

```
use config
db.settings.update( { _id: "balancer" }, { $set : { stopped: true } } , true );
```

To unpause/re-enable shard balancing connect to the console again and run

```
use config
db.settings.update( { _id: "balancer" }, { $set : { stopped: false } } , true );
```

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