The JSON standard (RFC 4627)

- Lightweight open format to interchange data

- Human readable

- Used for serializing and transmitting structured data over a network connection (HTTP mostly)

- Since 2009 browsers support JSON natively

Anatomy of JSON

- A JSON data structure is either

  `array`   (indexed array)

  `object`   (associative array)

- JSON values are
  `string - number - true - false - null`