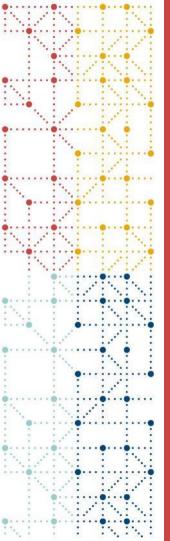


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- Dataset-JSON was adapted from the Dataset-XML specification, but uses JSON format instead of XML
- Each Dataset-JSON file is connected with a Define-XML file, containing detailed metadata
- Each Dataset-JSON files contains basic information about dataset variables, so that it is possible to have a simple view of the contents of a dataset without the need of a Define-XML document
- Dataset-JSON Specification:
  - <a href="https://www.cdisc.org/dataset-json">https://www.cdisc.org/dataset-json</a>
  - https://wiki.cdisc.org/display/PUB/Dataset-JSON
- GitHub repository with JSON Schema and examples: https://github.com/cdisc-org/DataExchange-DatasetJson



- At the top level of the Dataset-JSON object, there are some required attributes (creationDateTime and datasetJSONVersion)\*, and one of two optional attributes: clinicalData or referenceData.
- Subject data is stored in clinicalData and non-subject data is stored in referenceData.

 studyOID and metaDataVersionOID must match corresponding values in Define-XML



## **Dataset-JSON Document Structure - top level attributes**

| Attribute           | Usage    | Description                                                                                           |
|---------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| creationDateTime    | Required | Time of creation of the file containing the document.                                                 |
| datasetJSONVersion  | Required | Version of Dataset-JSON standard                                                                      |
| fileOID             | Optional | A unique identifier for this file.                                                                    |
| asOfDateTime        | Optional | The date/time at which the source database was queried in order to create this document.              |
| originator          | Optional | The organization that generated the Dataset-JSON file.                                                |
| sourceSystem        | Optional | The computer system or database management system that is the source of the information in this file. |
| sourceSystemVersion | Optional | The version of the "SourceSystem" above.                                                              |
| clinicalData        | Optional | Contains datasets for clinical data across multiple subjects.                                         |
| referenceData       | Optional | Contains datasets for non-subject data domains.                                                       |



```
"itemGroupData": {
   "IG.DM": {
      "records": 18,
"name": "DM",
      "label": "Demographics",
      ·"items": [ ···
       "itemData": [ ···
```

- itemGroupData is an object with attributes corresponding to individual datasets.
- The attribute name (IG.DM) is the OID of a described dataset, which must be the same as the OID of the corresponding itemGroup in the Define-XML file
- records, name, label: basic dataset information (all required)
- items basic information about variables
- itemData dataset data



```
"items": [
       "OID": "ITEMGROUPDATASEQ",
       "name": "ITEMGROUPDATASEQ",
       "label": "Record Identifier",
       "type": "integer",
       "length": 8
       "OID": "IT.DM.STUDYID",
       "name": "STUDYID",
       "label": "Study Identifier",
       "type": "string",
       "length": 12
       "OID": "IT.DM.DOMAIN",
       "name": "DOMAIN",
       "label": "Domain Abbreviation",
       "type": "string",
       "length": 2
```

- items array of basic information about dataset variables.
- The order of elements in the array must be the same as the order of variables in the described dataset.
- The first element always describes the Record Identifier (ITEMGROUPDATASEQ)

```
"items": [
      "OID": "ITEMGROUPDATASEQ",
       "name": "ITEMGROUPDATASEQ",
       "label": "Record Identifier",
       "type": "integer",
       "length": 8
    --- "OID": "IT.DM.STUDYID",
      "name": "STUDYID",
       "label": "Study Identifier",
       "type": "string",
       "length": 12
     "OID": "IT.DM.DOMAIN",
       "name": "DOMAIN",
       "label": "Domain Abbreviation",
       "type": "string",
       "length": 2
```

- OID OID of a variable (must correspond to the variable OID in the Define-XML file)
- name variable name
- label variable description
- type type of the variable.
   'string', 'integer', 'decimal', 'float', 'double', 'boolean'
- length variable length most useful for the string type
- displayFormat supports data visualization of numeric float and date values
- keySequence indicates that this item is a key variable in the dataset structure

The last 3 attributes are optional

- itemData is an array of records with variables values
- Each record itself is represented as an array of variables values
- The first value is a unique sequence number for each record in the dataset
- Missing values are represented by null in the case of numeric variables, and an empty string in case of character variables:

```
[1, "MyStudy", "", "DM", null]
```





## **SAS and JSON**

#### **SAS and JSON**

 Starting in SAS<sup>©</sup> 9.4, you can use PROC JSON to write SAS data sets to JSON files

 Starting in SAS<sup>©</sup> 9.4TS1M4, you can use the **JSON engine** to read JSON files into SAS data sets





- PROC JSON in SAS<sup>©</sup> gives the user control over the JSON output:
  - through the utilization of options
  - through the ability to control containers (objects or arrays)
  - by writing directly to the output file
  - by choosing exactly what to include or not include in the resulting JSON file

```
PROC JSON OUT=fileref | "external-file" <options>;
    EXPORT <libref.>SAS-data-set <(data-set-options)> </options>;
    WRITE VALUES value(s) </options>;
    WRITE OPEN type;
    WRITE CLOSE;
RUN;
```



```
PROC JSON OUT=jsonfout PRETTY;
                                                        "creationDateTime": "2023-06-28T15:38:43",
 WRITE OPEN OBJECT;
                                                        "datasetJSONVersion": "1.0.0",
 WRITE VALUES "creationDateTime" "&CurrentDateTime";
 WRITE VALUES "datasetJSONVersion" "1.0.0";
                                                        "clinicalData": {
 WRITE VALUES "clinicalData";
                                                          "studyOID": "<study OID>",
 WRITE OPEN OBJECT:
                                                          "metaDataVersionOID": "<MDV OID>",
 WRITE VALUES "studyOID" "<study OID>";
                                                          "itemGroupData": {
 WRITE VALUES "metaDataVersionOID" "<MDV OID>";
                                                             "IG.DM": {
 WRITE VALUES "itemGroupData";
 WRITE OPEN OBJECT;
                                                               "records": 18,
 WRITE VALUES "IG.DM";
                                                               "name": "DM",
 WRITE OPEN OBJECT;
                                                               "label": "Demographics",
 WRITE VALUES "records" 18:
                                                               "items": [
 WRITE VALUES "name" "DM";
 WRITE VALUES "label" "Demographics";
                                                                     column metadata
 WRITE VALUES "items";
 WRITE OPEN ARRAY;
   EXPORT work.column metadata / KEYS;
                                                               "itemData": [
 WRITE CLOSE;
 WRITE VALUES "itemData":
                                                                       Column data
 WRITE OPEN ARRAY;
   EXPORT work.column data / NOKEYS;
 WRITE CLOSE;
 WRITE CLOSE;
 WRITE CLOSE:
 WRITE CLOSE;
 WRITE CLOSE:
RUN;
```



```
PROC JSON OUT=jsonfout PRETTY;
                                                        "creationDateTime": "2023-06-28T15:38:43",
 WRITE OPEN OBJECT;
                                                        "datasetJSONVersion": "1.0.0",
 WRITE VALUES "creationDateTime" "&CurrentDateTime";
 WRITE VALUES "datasetJSONVersion" "1.0.0";
                                                        "clinicalData": {
 WRITE VALUES "clinicalData";
                                                          "studyOID": "<study OID>",
 WRITE OPEN OBJECT:
                                                          "metaDataVersionOID": "<MDV OID>",
 WRITE VALUES "studyOID" "<study OID>";
                                                          "itemGroupData": {
 WRITE VALUES "metaDataVersionOID" "<MDV OID>";
                                                             "IG.DM": {
 WRITE VALUES "itemGroupData";
 WRITE OPEN OBJECT;
                                                               "records": 18,
 WRITE VALUES "IG.DM":
                                                               "name": "DM",
 WRITE OPEN OBJECT;
                                                               "label": "Demographics",
 WRITE VALUES "records" 18:
                                                               "items": [
 WRITE VALUES "name" "DM";
 WRITE VALUES "label" "Demographics";
                                                                     column metadata
 WRITE VALUES "items";
 WRITE OPEN ARRAY;
   %write json metadata array(work.column metadata);
                                                               "itemData": [
 WRITE CLOSE;
 WRITE VALUES "itemData":
                                                                       Column data
 WRITE OPEN ARRAY;
   EXPORT work.column data / NOKEYS;
 WRITE CLOSE:
 WRITE CLOSE;
 WRITE CLOSE:
 WRITE CLOSE;
 WRITE CLOSE:
RUN;
```



The **%write\_json\_metadata\_array** macro does not write key-value pairs when the value is null.

#### Using Define-XML metadata when creating Dataset-JSON

- Get OIDs from Define-XML when creating Dataset-JSON
- Use pre-specified metadata from Define-XML (label, datatype, length, and KeySequence) for creating Dataset-JSON
- Get variable display formats from Define-XML when creating SAS datasets from Dataset-JSON (especially for numeric date/time variables)
- Important to check that Define-XML is consistent with the data!

```
/* Create metadata from Define-XML for ADaM */
%CreateMetadataFromDefineXML(
   definexml=&root/json/adam/define.xml,
   metadatalib=metaadam
/* Create metadata from Define-XML for SDTM */
%CreateMetadataFromDefineXML(
   definexml=&root/json/sdtm/define.xml,
   metadatalib=metasdtm
/* Some manual data type updates */
data metasdtm.metadata columns;
  set metasdtm.metadata columns;
  if missing(length) then do;
    if xml_datatype="date" then length=10;
    if xml_datatype="partialDate" then length=10;
    if xml_datatype="partialDatetime" then length=19;
    if xml datatype="durationDatetime" then length=19;
    if xml datatype="datetime" then length=19;
  end;
run;
```



#### Writing Dataset-JSON - %write\_datasetjson()

```
%write_datasetjson(
```

```
dataset=
                             /* (libname.)memname of the data set
                             /* Path to XPT file
xptpath=,
jsonpath=,
                             /* Path to Dataset-JSON file
usemetadata=N,
                             /* Use Define-XML metadata? (Y/N
metadatalib=,
                             /* Define-XML metadata library
datasetJSONVersion=1.0.0,
fileOID=,
asOfDateTime=,
originator=,
sourceSystem=,
sourceSystemVersion=,
studyOID=,
metaDataVersionOID=,
metaDataRef=,
pretty=NOPRETTY);
```



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#### Writing Dataset-JSON - %write\_datasetjson() - loop

```
data null;
  length datasetname $64 isonpath $512 fileoid $128 code $2048;
  set work.dirtree adam;
    datasetname=scan(filename, 1, ".");
    jsonpath=cats("&project_folder/json_out/adam/", datasetname, ".json");
    fileoid=cats("& fileOID", "/", "%sysfunc(date(), is8601da.)", "/", datasetname);
    code=cats('%nrstr(%write datasetjson('
                      , 'dataset=dataadam.', datasetname, ','
                      /* , 'xptpath=', fullpath,',' */
                      , 'jsonpath=', jsonpath, ',
                      . 'usemetadata=N.'
                        'metadatalib=metaadam,'
                        "fileOID=", fileoid, ","
                        "asOfDateTime=2023-05-31T00:00:00, "
                        "originator=CDISC ADaM MSG Team", ","
                        "sourceSystem=Sponsor System,"
                        "sourceSystemVersion=1.0,"
                        "studyOID=& studyOID,"
                        "metaDataVersionOID=& metaDataVersionOID,"
                        "metaDataRef=define.xml"
                    ,');)');
    call execute(code);
```



### Writing Dataset-JSON - %write\_datasetjson() - loop

```
data null;
  length datasetname $64 jsonpath $512 fileoid $128 code $2048;
  set work.dirtree sdtm;
    datasetname=scan(filename, 1, ".");
    jsonpath=cats("&project folder/json out/sdtm/", datasetname, ".json");
    fileoid=cats("& fileOID", "/", "%sysfunc(date(), is8601da.)", "/", datasetname);
    code=cats('%nrstr(%write_datasetjson('
                      /* , 'dataset=datasdtm.', name, ',' */
                      , 'xptpath=', fullpath,','
                      , 'jsonpath=', jsonpath, ','
                        'usemetadata=Y,'
                        'metadatalib=metasdtm,'
                      , "fileOID=", fileoid, ","
                        "asOfDateTime=2023-05-31T00:00:00. "
                        "originator=CDISC SDTM MSG Team,"
                        "sourceSystem=Sponsor System,"
                      , "sourceSystemVersion=1.0,"
                      /* , "studyOID=& studyOID," */
                      /* , "metaDataVersionOID=& metaDataVersionOID," */
                      , "metaDataRef=define.xml"
                    ,');)');
    call execute(code);
```



run;



- Starting in SAS<sup>©</sup> 9.4TS1M4, you can use the **JSON engine** to read JSON files into SAS data sets
- A JSON map is a file that the JSON engine uses to define the data set structures that are created when reading JSON





```
"creationDateTime": "<yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss>",
"datasetJSONVersion": "1.0.0",
"clinicalData": {
 "studyOID": "<study OID>",
 "metaDataVersionOID": "<MDV OID>",
 "itemGroupData": {
   "IG.DM": {
      "records": 18,
     "name": "DM",
      "label": "Demographics",
      "items": [
             column metadata
      "itemData": [
                column data
```

#### Creates 6 data sets:

- ALLDATA
- CLINICALDATA
  - studyOID, metaDataVersionOID
- ITEMGROUPDATA IG DM
  - records, name, label
- IG\_DM\_ITEMS
  - contains column metadata (OID, name, label, type, length, displayFormat, keySequence)
- IG\_DM\_ITEMDATA
  - contains column data (element1, element2, element3, ...)
- ROOT
  - contains creationDateTime, datasetJSONVersion

ITEMGROUPDATA\_IG\_DM

|   | records | name | label        | ı |
|---|---------|------|--------------|---|
| 1 | 18      | DM   | Demographics |   |

IG\_DM\_ITEMS

|    | OID              | name             | label                              | type    | length | keySequence |
|----|------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|---------|--------|-------------|
| 1  | ITEMGROUPDATASEQ | ITEMGROUPDATASEQ | Record Identifier                  | integer |        |             |
| 2  | IT.DM.STUDYID    | STUDYID          | Study Identifier                   | string  | 12     | 1           |
| 3  | IT.DM.DOMAIN     | DOMAIN           | Domain Abbreviation                | string  | 2      |             |
| 4  | IT.DM.USUBJID    | USUBJID          | Unique Subject Identifier          | string  | 8      | 2           |
| 5  | IT.DM.SUBJID     | SUBJID           | Subject Identifier for the Study   | string  | 4      |             |
| 6  | IT.DM.RFSTDTC    | RFSTDTC          | Subject Reference Start Date/Time  | string  |        |             |
| 7  | IT.DM.RFENDTC    | RFENDTC          | Subject Reference End Date/Time    | string  |        |             |
| 8  | IT.DM.RFXSTDTC   | RFXSTDTC         | Date/Time of First Study Treatment | string  |        |             |
| 9  | IT.DM.RFXENDTC   | RFXENDTC         | Date/Time of Last Study Treatment  | string  |        |             |
| 10 | IT DM DEICDTC    | DEICDTC          | Data (Time of Information          | -1-2    |        |             |

IG\_DM\_ITEMDATA

|   | element1 | element2     | element3 | element4 | element5 | element6   | element7   | element8   |
|---|----------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1 | 1        | CDISCPILOT01 | DM       | CDISC001 | 1115     | 2012-11-30 | 2013-01-23 | 2012-11-30 |
| 2 | 2        | CDISCPILOT01 | DM       | CDISC002 | 1211     | 2012-11-15 | 2013-01-14 | 2012-11-15 |
| 3 | 3        | CDISCPILOT01 | DM       | CDISC003 | 1302     | 2013-08-29 | 2013-11-05 | 2013-08-29 |
| 4 | 4        | CDISCPILOT01 | DM       | CDISC004 | 1345     | 2013-10-08 | 2014-03-18 | 2013-10-08 |
| 5 | 5        | CDISCPILOT01 | DM       | CDISC005 | 1383     | 2013-02-04 | 2013-08-06 | 2013-02-04 |
| 6 | 6        | CDISCPILOT01 | DM       | CDISC006 | 1429     | 2013-03-19 | 2013-04-30 | 2013-03-19 |
| 7 | 7        | CDISCPILOT01 | DM       | CDISC007 | 1444     | 2013-01-05 | 2013-02-13 | 2013-01-05 |
| 8 | 8        | CDISCPILOT01 | DM       | CDISC008 | 1445     | 2014-05-11 | 2014-11-01 | 2014-05-11 |
| 9 | 9        | CDISCPILOT01 | DM       | CDISC009 | 1087     | 2012-10-22 | 2013-04-28 | 2012-10-22 |



#### Reading Dataset-JSON - %read\_datasetjson()



## Reading Dataset-JSON - %read\_datasetjson() - loop

```
%util gettree(
  dir=&project folder/json out/adam,
  outds=work.dirtree adam,
  where=%str(ext="json" and dir=0)
data null;
  length code $2048;
  set work.dirtree adam;
    code=cats('%nrstr(%read_datasetjson(',
                        'jsonpath=', fullpath, ', ',
                         'datalib=outadam, ',
                         'dropseqvar=Y, ',
                         'savemetadata=Y, ',
                         'metadatalib=metasvad',
                    ');)');
    call execute(code);
run;
```





## Comparing SAS datasets / Dataset-JSON files

#### **Comparing SAS datasets**

- Compare results in a summary
- Details for datasets that had differences

```
%macro util_comparedata(
  baselib=,
  complib=,
  dsname=,
  compareoptions=%str(listall criterion=0.00000001 method=absolute),
  resultds=,
  detailall=N
  );
```



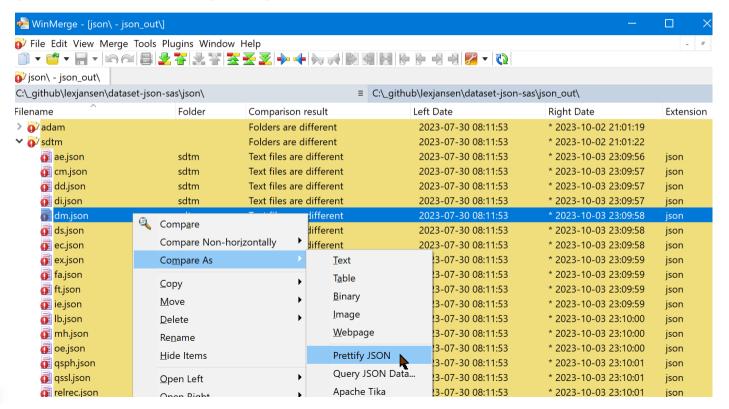
#### Compare results for dataset ADADAS The COMPARE Procedure Comparison of DATAADAM.ADADAS with OUTADAM.ADADAS (Method=ABSOLUTE, Criterion=1.0E-08) resultc DSLABEL/LENGTH/LABEL Data Set Summary Dataset Created Modified NVar NObs Label DSI ABEL/LABEL DATAADAM.ADADAS 020CT23:22:29:17 020CT23:22:29:17 40 12463 ADAS-COG Analysis Dataset OUTADAM.ADADAS 030CT23:23:04:27 030CT23:23:04:27 40 12463 ADAS-Cog Analysis DSI ABEL/FORMAT/LABEL DSI ABEL/LENGTH Variables Summary Number of Variables in Common: 40. DSI ABEL/LENGTH Number of Variables with Differing Attributes: 8. DSLABEL/LENGTH DSI ABEL/LENGTH Listing of Common Variables with Differing Attributes DSI ABEL/LENGTH Variable Dataset Type Length Label ITTFL DATAADAM.ADADAS Char 1 Intent-To-Treat Population Flag DSLABEL/LENGTH/LABEL 1 Intent-to-Treat Population Flag OUTADAM.ADADAS Char AVISIT DATAADAM.ADADAS Char 8 Analysis Visit OUTADAM.ADADAS Char 16 Analysis Visit VISIT DATAADAM.ADADAS Char 17 Visit Name 31

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#### **Comparing JSON files**

WinMerge (https://winmerge.org) can compare JSON files in 'pretty' mode







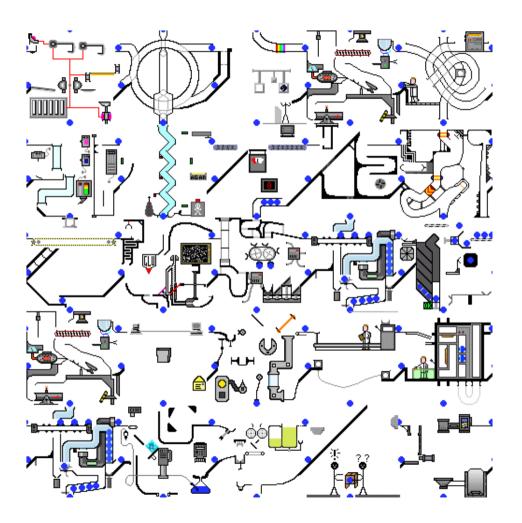
## **Validating Dataset-JSON files**

## Validating Dataset-JSON files (Python)

```
🕏 ison validate.py 🗙
 scripts > 🕏 ison validate.py > 🖯 validate ison
        from os import listdir, getenv
        from os.path import isfile, join
        import ison
        import jsonschema as JSD
        def validate json(json data, schema file):
            Validates a Dataset-JSON file against a defined json schema, given a schema_file
            Arguments:
                json_data: The resulting Dataset-JSON file to validate
                schema file: Path to a schema file defining dataset-JSON schema
                with open(schema file) as f:
                    schema = json.load(f)
                JSD.validate(json_data, schema=schema)
                print(" Ok!")
                return True
            except Exception as e:
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• (venv) PS C:\ github\lexjansen\dataset-json-sas\scripts> python .\json_validate.py -d ..\json_out\sdtm -s ..\schema\dataset.schema.json,
 Validating against schemafile ..\schema\dataset.schema.json
 Validating ..\json_out\sdtm\ae.json
 Validating ..\json_out\sdtm\cm.json
 Validating ..\json out\sdtm\dd.json
```



# Demo





GitHub: https://github.com/lexjansen/dataset-json-sas

open issues at: <a href="https://github.com/lexjansen/dataset-json-sas/issues">https://github.com/lexjansen/dataset-json-sas/issues</a>

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