



# Getting Started

Coursework Series : Week 3

# Coursework Outline & Outcomes

Using STD Actions

Using Abilities & Walkers in  
Depth

Add more features to our small  
Application with Jaseci

# Explanation

The app you're building will let users load a family tree data file in JSON format, create a graph using Jaseci with each person as a node and relationships as edges, and visualize it in Jaseci Studio. Users can then use Jaseci's simulation capabilities to analyze the graph and explore family dynamics.

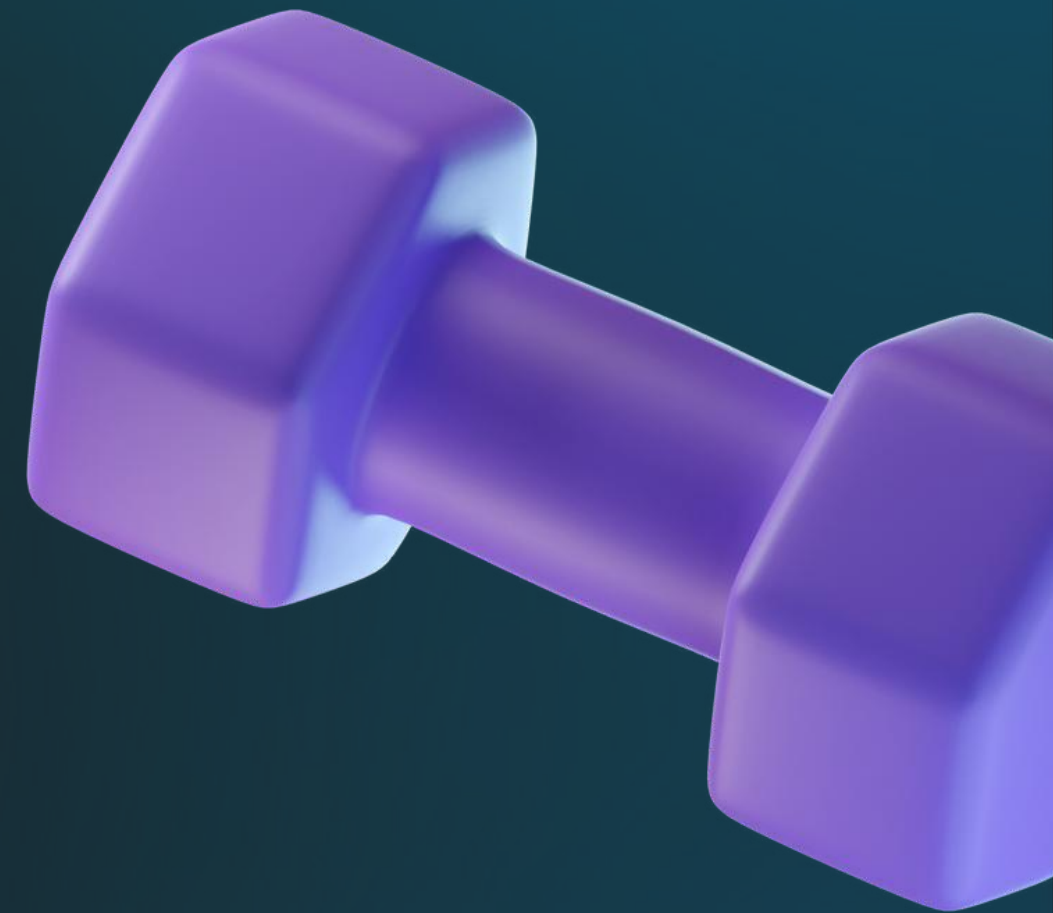
- **THE APP CAN LOAD JSON FILES (ACTIONS) <--**
- *We will create nodes for each person (Nodes)*
- *Connect them to each other using edges (Edges)*
- **DIFFERENT FUNCTIONALITIES <--**
- *Visualize the Graph in Jaseci Studio (Graph)*





# What are Abilities?

In a system with nodes, edges, and walkers, abilities are like methods that can be specified within the definition of a node, edge, or walker. They have their own body, enclosed within curly braces, and can interact with the context and local variables of the node/edge/walker they are attached to. Abilities do not have a return value and are like self-contained compute operations that can be used within the larger system.



# Example Code of Abilities

```
node example_node {
  has name, count;

  can compute_sum {
    sum = 0;
    numbers = [1,2,3];
    for i in numbers{
      sum += i;
    }
    name = "Sum of first " + count.str + " numbers";
    report {"Computed sum: ": sum};
  }
}

walker init{
  spawn here ++>node::example_node;
  root{
    take-->[0];
  }
  example_node{
    here::compute_sum;
  }
}
```

Nodes with Abilities

```
walker init{

  root{
    spawn here walker::build_example;
    take-->;
  }
  city{
    here::set_tourists;
    spawn here walker::traveler;
    take-->;
  }
}

walker traveler{
  has tours = 1;
  can print{
    std.out("Traveler enters the city");
  }
}
```

Walker with Ability

# For our app we are going to create 2 abilities

1. Given a node find the age by today
2. Given a node find how many days left to have his/her next birthday
3. Create a walker that walks through all the graph and finds upcoming birthdays



# What are STD Actions?

Actions in Jac/Jaseci are similar to traditional function calls with return values, but their main purpose is to connect to external functionality that exists outside of the Jac/Jaseci system, typically in a Python module. Actions essentially serve as bindings to this external functionality, like library calls in other programming languages. They are implemented as a Jaseci action library that directly connects to the Python implementations of the external functions. Jaseci provides few functions out-of-the-box, those are STD Actions.



**Lets Get to it**



# Next week

1. Use AI Actions to add AI features to the app.

## ASSIGNMENT

Groups of 5, Need to add a new feature to the Ancestry Example. Need to Submit a Video of the feature in action and the Source code.

Allowed to make changes to every aspect of the app including nodes, edges, walkers, dataset.

Example - You can add a new field to the node saying hobbies, you can cluster people who have similar hobbies etc.