Project Documentation

JSON Grid Viewer

(Desktop App)

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Project Guide

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The JSON format is often used for serializing and transmitting structured data over a network connection. It is used primarily to transmit data between a server and web application, serving as an alternative to XML. The Readability of Json files has always been an area of concern.
This project aims to develop an Application which converts the Json File into Excel / CSV format which would be readable to the users. The Data is then stored into Hadoop/SQL servers. The Application provides the user an interface to perform SQL based queries on the dataset. This would help the users to understand the data better and improve the performance.

1.2 Intended Audience

This SRS is intended for technical as well as Business users. It can be used by the project managers, developers, testers and documentation writers.
This SRS aims to provide a brief overview of the JSON grid Viewer which will help to convert the Json File into Excel / CSV and save the data to the desired data servers such as SQL /Hadoop.

1.3 Overview

1.3.1 JSON: JSON, or JavaScript Object Notation, is a minimal, readable format for structuring data. It is commonly used for transmitting data in web applications (e.g., sending some data from the server to the client, so it can be displayed on a web page, or vice versa).

1.3.2 What does JSON look like?

A JSON object is a key-value data format that is typically rendered in curly braces. ... Key-value pairs have a colon between them as in "key" : "value" . Each key-value pair is separated by a comma, so the middle of a JSON looks like this: "key" : "value", "key" : "value", "key": "value" .

1.3.3 EXCEL: Excel is a spreadsheet which features calculation, graphing tools, pivot tables, and a macro programming language called Visual Basic for Applications.

1.3.4 What does Excel look like?

An Excel is the format where the data is stored in cells inside the rows and columns in a tabular manner. Sorting, Searching, performing arithmetic operations are all the stuff which can be performed easily on Excel.

1.3.5 CSV: CSV is a simple file format used to store tabular data, such as a spreadsheet or database. CSV stands for "comma-separated values". Its data fields are most often separated, or delimited, by a comma.

1.3.6 SQL: SQL is a domain-specific language used in programming and designed for managing data held in a relational database management system, or for stream processing in a relational data stream management system.

1.4 Product Scope

Objective:

Business User: To convert the JSON data into excel and CSV format so that it is easy to read , understand and analyze the data.

Technical User: Prefer storage of data in data servers like SQL/Hadoop so that easy analysis can be done using queries.

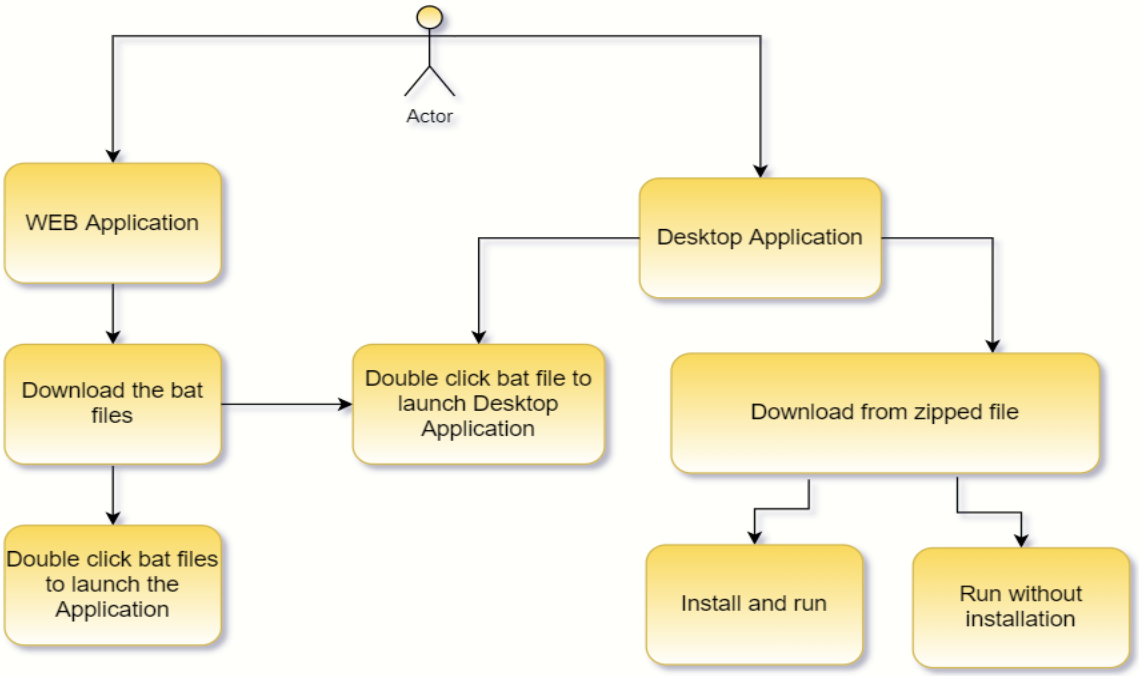
Benefits:

- Improved and easy readability of JSON file by converting it to Excel/CSV format.
- Can upload from any source such as File, URL, Raw Json.
- Use the converted Excel/CSV for other uses.
- Data analysis using SQL Queries.
- Perform excel-like operation on the converted data without even downloading.
- Check the validity of the JSON file, correct it and download it.

2. Overall Description

2.1 Application Perspective

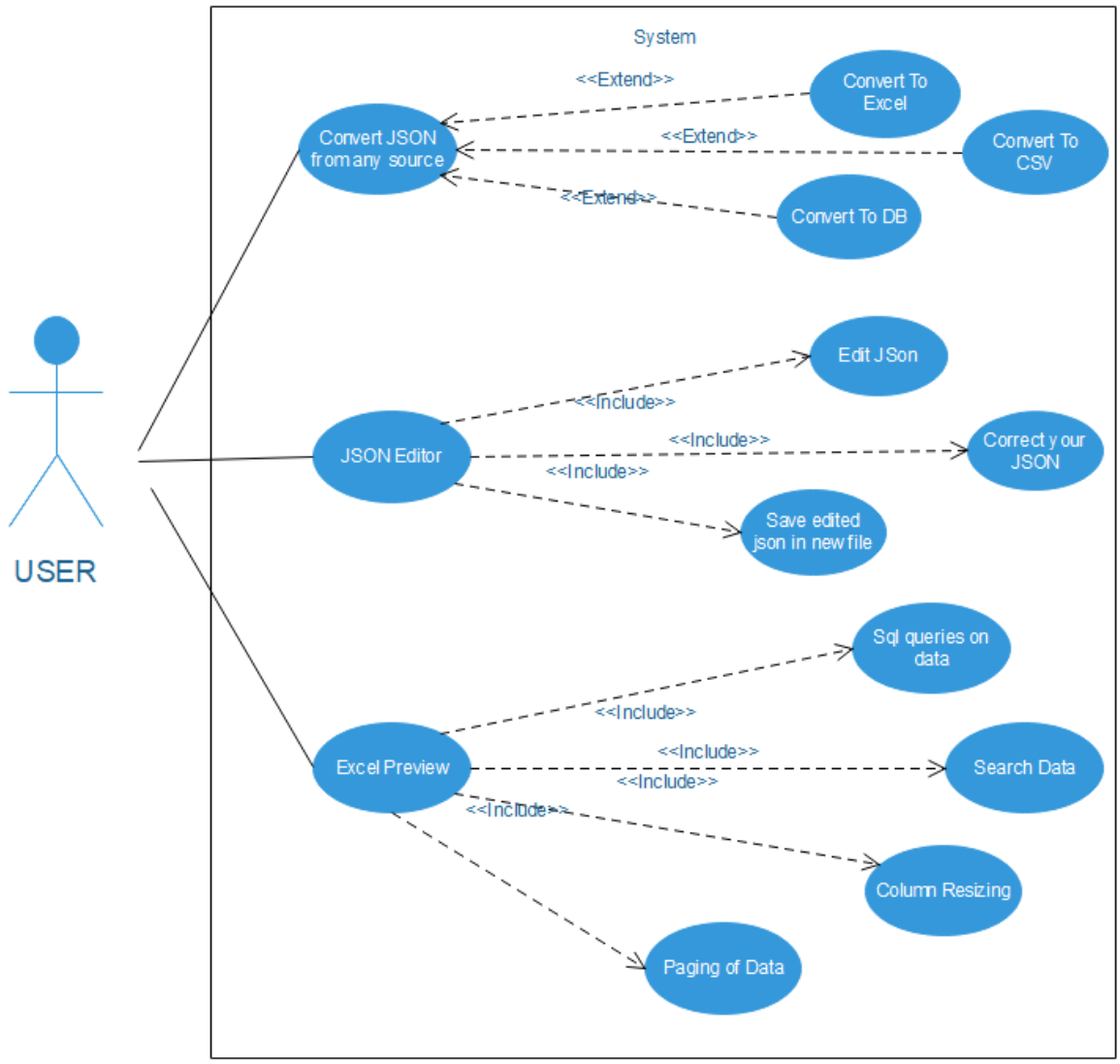
The application focuses on converting the Json files into Excel/CSV files. Once the JSON file is ready the user can view the Converted files and can perform operations similar to that of Excel. The user can also perform SQL queries on the data set.



The user gets to choose between two versions of the application

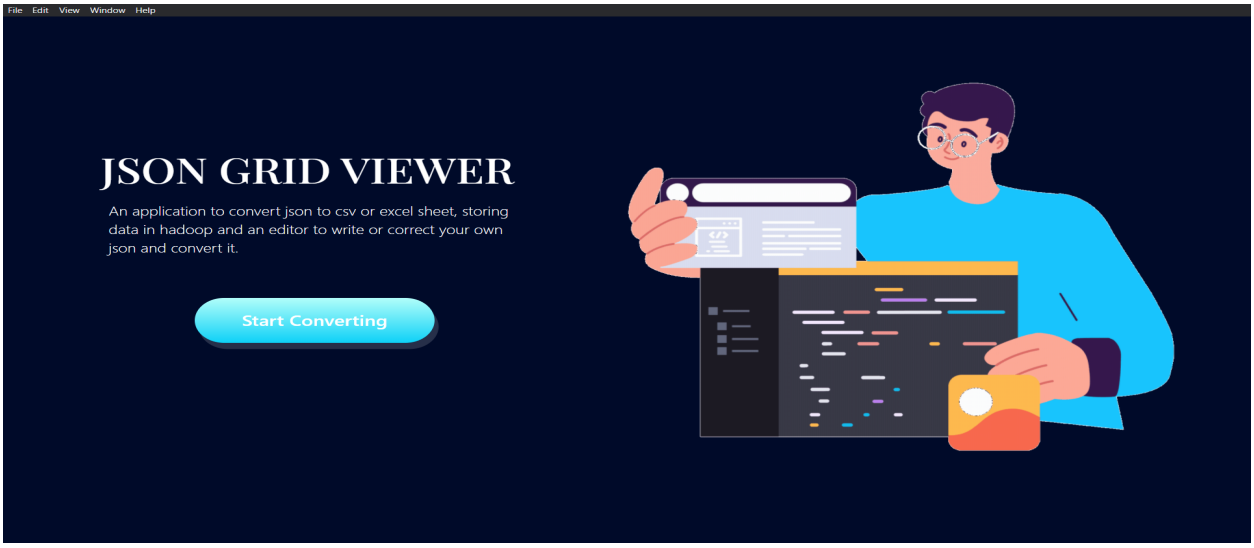
1. **Portable version :**
    a. No installation required
    b. Just extract the zip file (**< 100mb in size**) and use the application using .exe file provided inside
    c. Can be made available for windows, macOS, linux systems
2. **Installation setup :**
    a. Double click the setup file (**108 mb in size**) to install the application on your machine
    b. Get a desktop shortcut and use just like any other application
    c. Can be made available for windows, macOS, linux systems.

2.2 User flow for Desktop Application



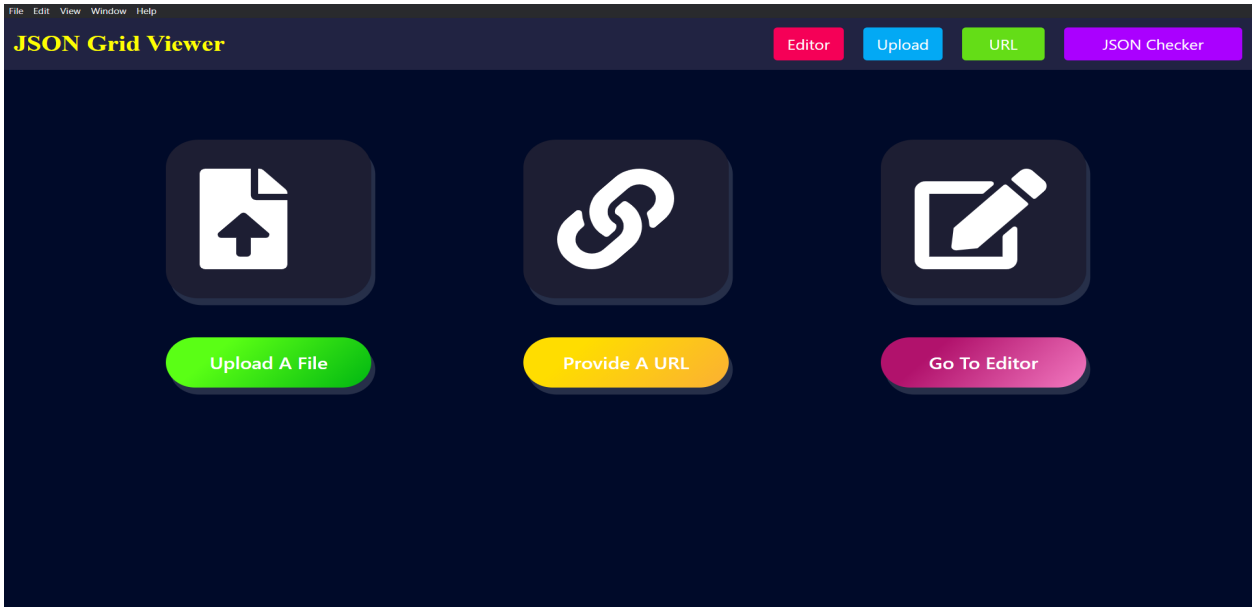
2.3 Application Functionalities

2.3.1 Home Page



User needs to click the Start Converting button to go to the options Page for converting the data.

2.3.2 Options Page

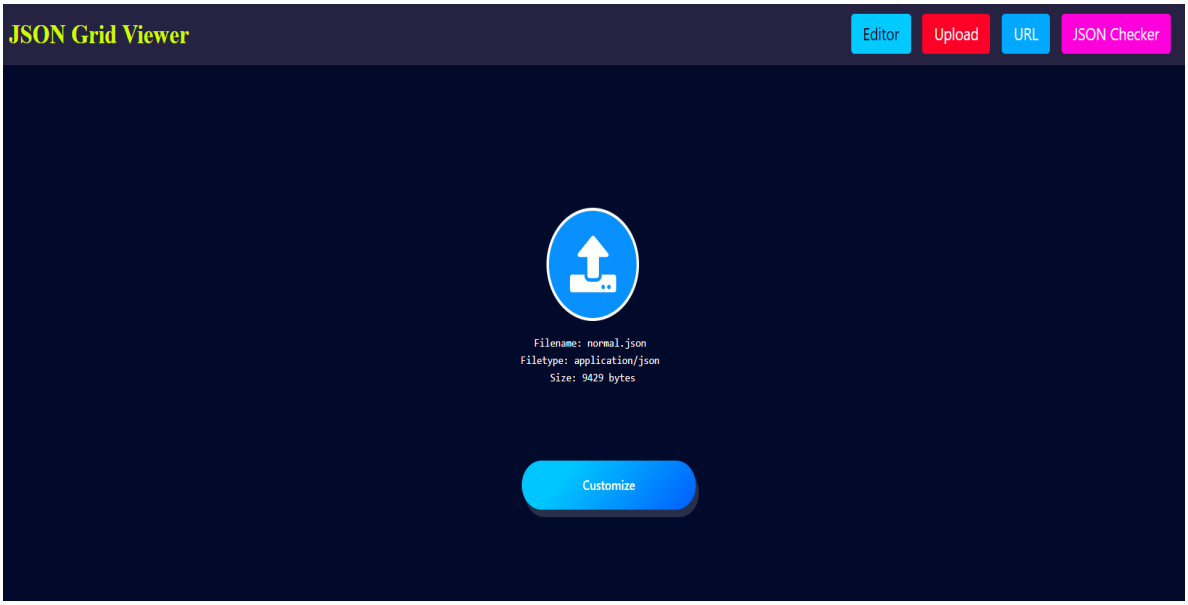


The User can input the data in any of the given below formats:

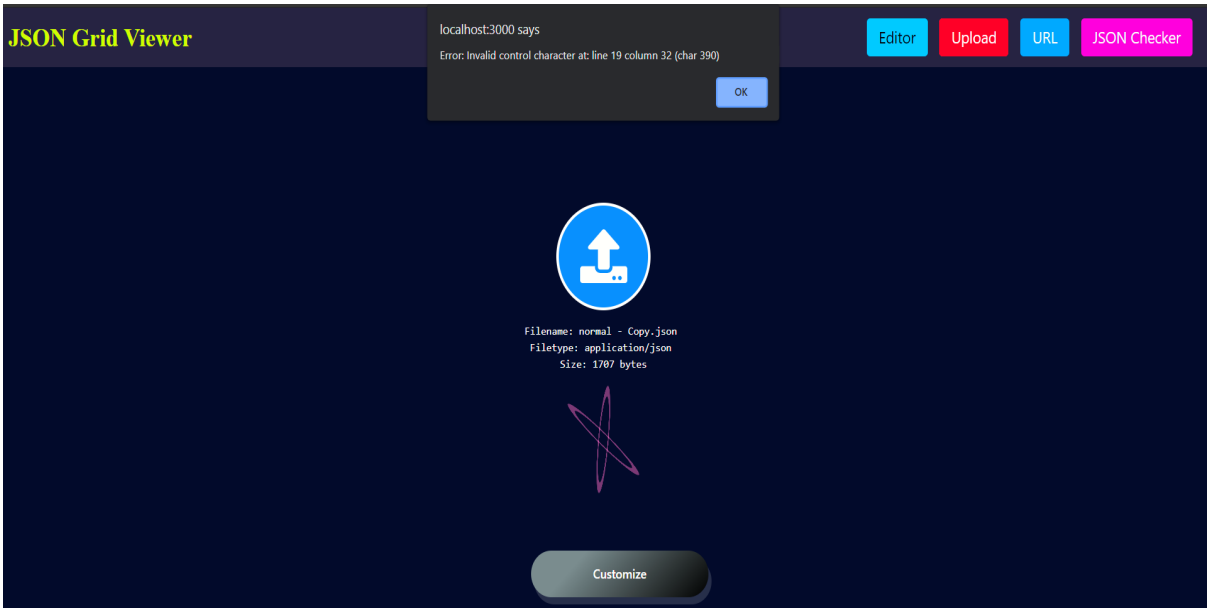
- JSON File
- URL containing JSON
- Raw JSON

Users can also directly go to any page conversion page at any time using the buttons on the NavBar.

2.3.2.1 Upload the JSON File

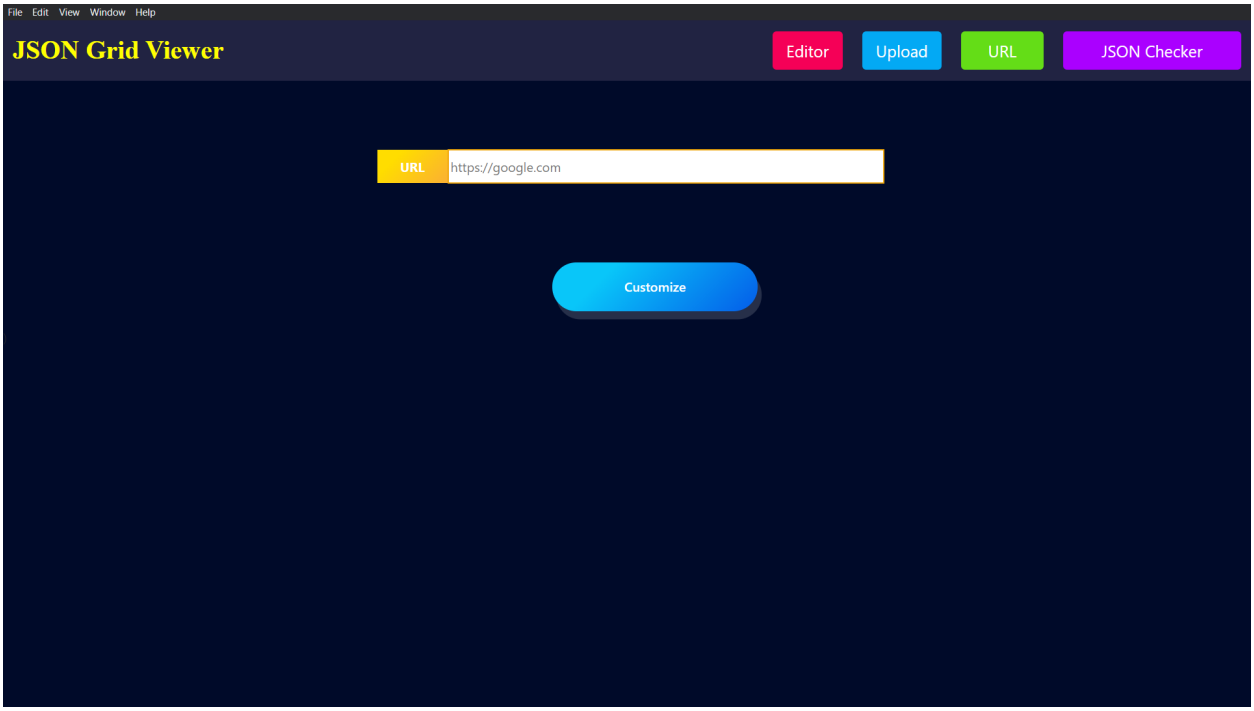


➢ The user can click the upload file button and choose the file to upload it.



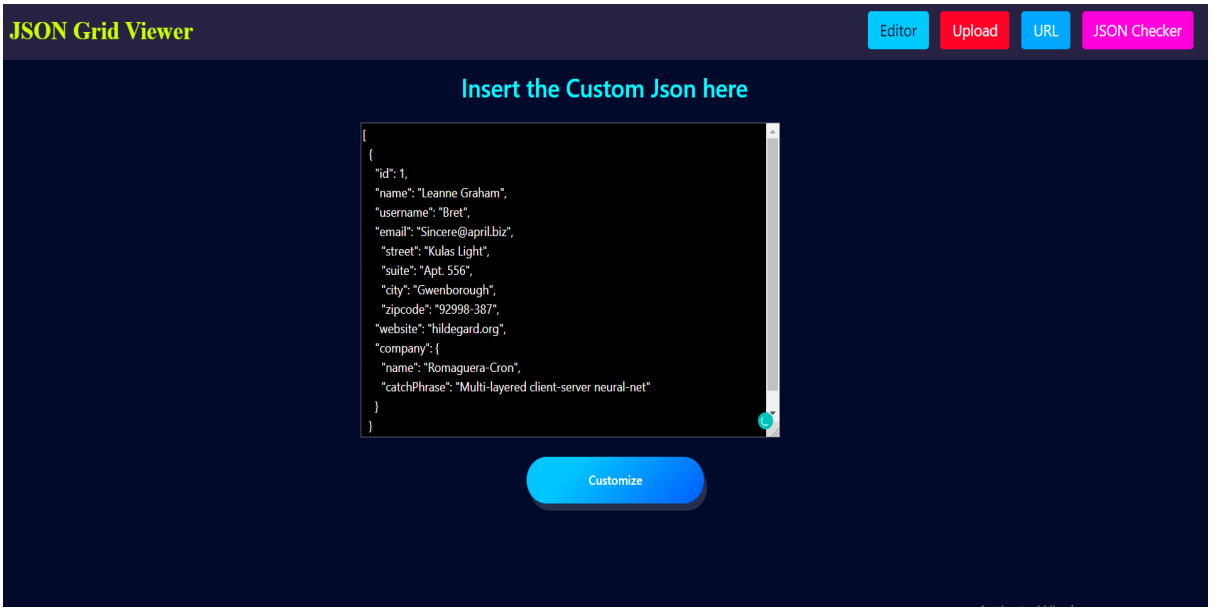
- If the file contains an invalid Json , an alert would pop up containing the line of error in the Json file.
- If the file is a valid JSON file, then after clicking the customize button, the user will be redirected to the customization page.

2.3.2.2 Insert URL containing JSON

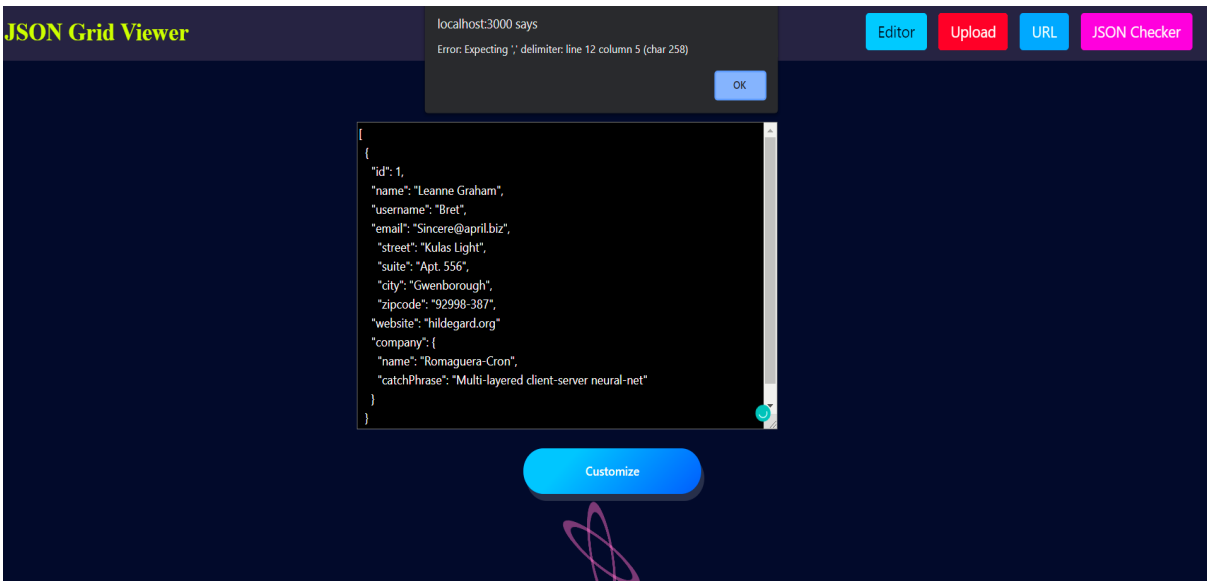


- ➢ The User can insert a URL/API containing JSON which is to be converted to Excel/CSV format.
- ➢ If the URL contains an invalid Json , an alert would pop up with an error message.
- ➢ If the URL contains a valid JSON file, then after clicking the customize button, the user will be redirected to the customization page.

2.3.2.3 Insert Raw JSON

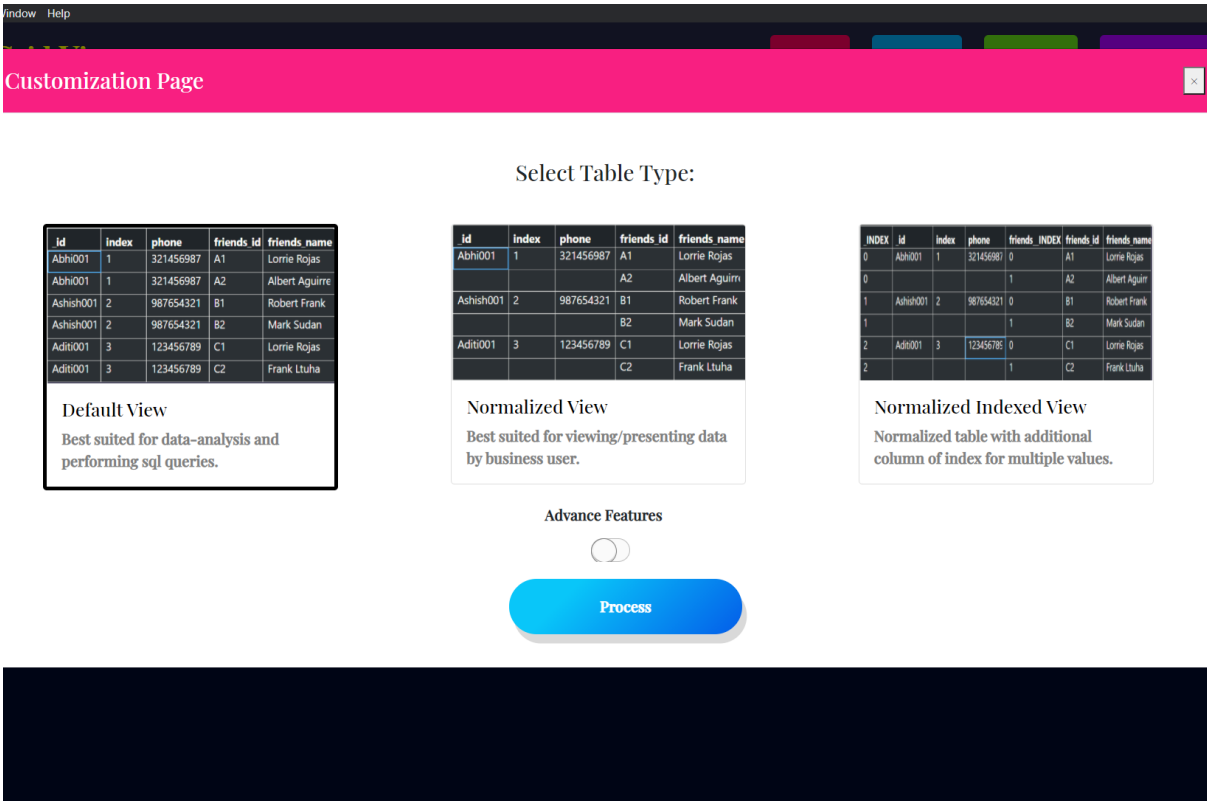


- ➢ The users can input their own JSON file in the text editor provided.



- ➢ If the JSON is invalid , an alert would pop up with the line number and details about the error.
- ➢ If the JSON is valid , then after clicking the customize button, the user will be redirected to the customization page.

2.3.3 Customization Page

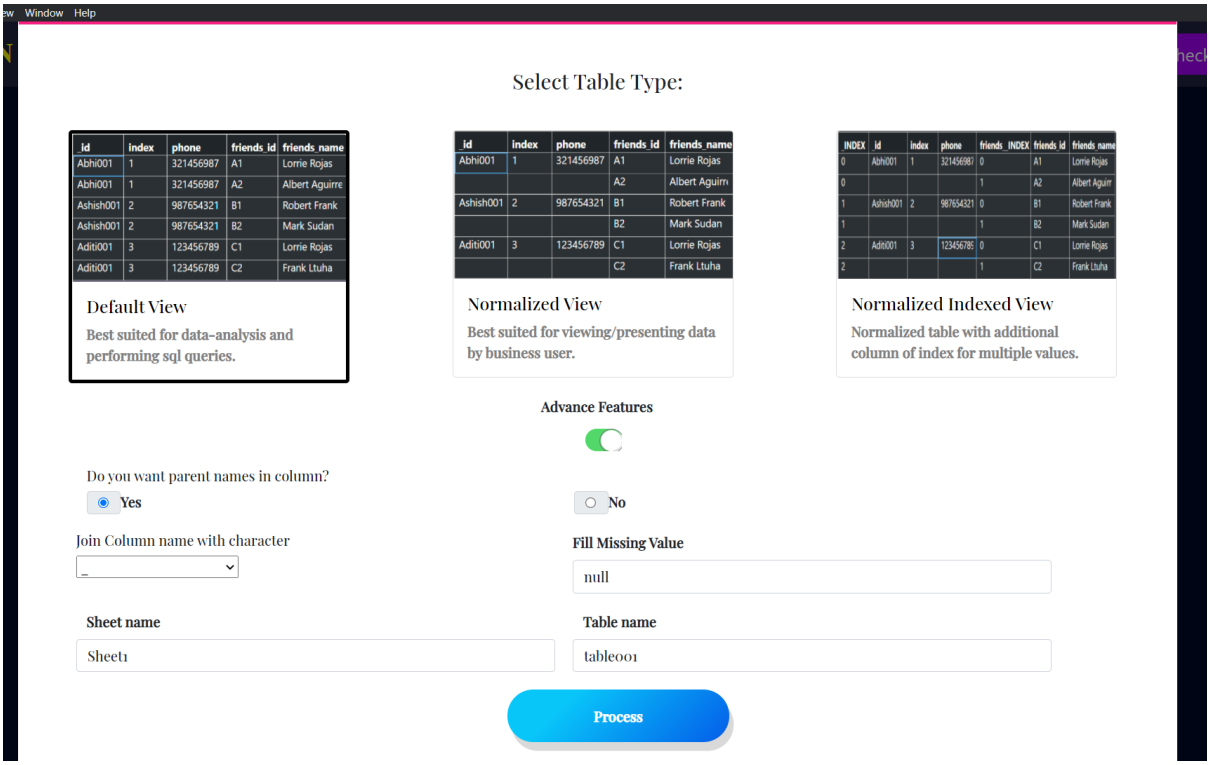


The customization page provides the user the flexibility to customize the tables before generating them and freely mend the table according to user-specific needs.

Customization page presents the user with **3 different types of views** for the same json, a brief description of the views are provided below

1. **Default view** : view containing no missing values, repeated data, and best for analysis or performing queries
2. **Normalized view** : view containing json-as-it-is, contains missing data, best for presentation and viewing in general

3. **Normalized indexed view** : adds extra Index columns in case records contains multiple records within them, helps to better locate the data, best for tasks similar to Normalized view



The user can further toggle the advanced options to inculcate user-specific needs and generate views especially tailor-made for them.

A brief summary of the advanced features is given below :

➢ **Do you want parent names in columns ?**
Turning this to No could generate duplicate attribute names but provides shorter attribute names.
If turned on, the attribute names contain the names of their parent joined to them using a joiner character (can be changed from Join Column name with character)

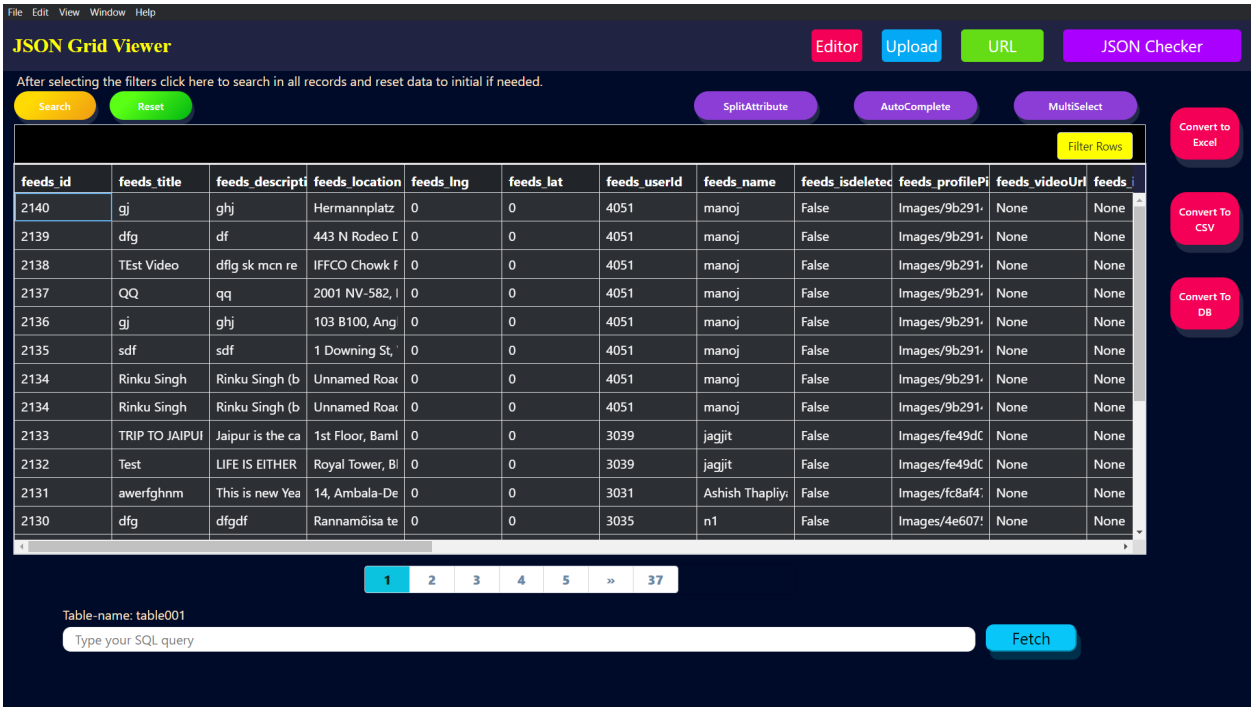
➢ **Join Column name with character :**
Lets the user choose from a list of characters which would then be used to join parent-names to children-names for construction column-headers

➢ **Fill Missing Value :**
Provides the user freedom to input a string used for filling entries in view if json has missing data.

➢ **Sheet Name :**
Let the user change the sheet name for the excel-file that can be generated later.

➢ **Table Name :**
Name of the table for the SQL database, useful for performing sql queries on the preview page

2.3.4 Preview Page



➢ Excel Type functionalities are provided on this page. They are:
- **Autocomplete Filter**: Automatic rendering of rows on the current page.
- **MultiSelect Filter**: User can select values from the dropdown to perform analysis on data.
- **Column Resizing** Property

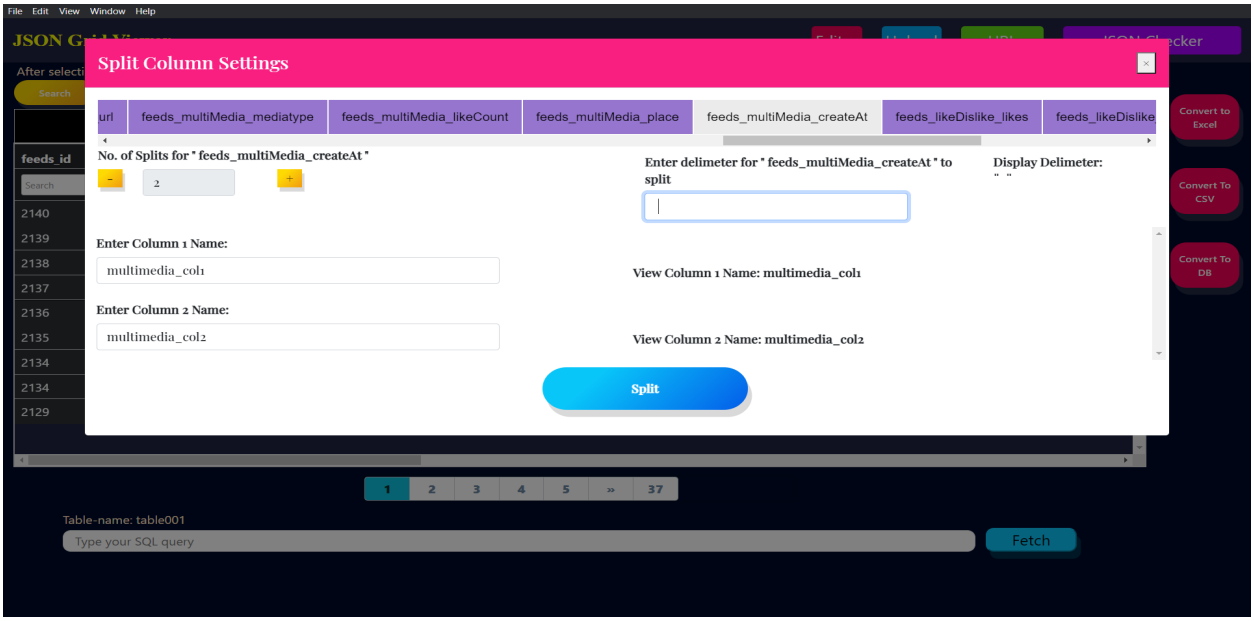
➢ **Search Button** : Autocomplete Filter and MultiSelect Filter works only for the page selected. To apply these filters on all data records, user can use search button

➢ **Reset Button**: Users can use this button to reset preview data to original data without any filters.

➢ **Pagination** is added for fast processing and accessing of data records.

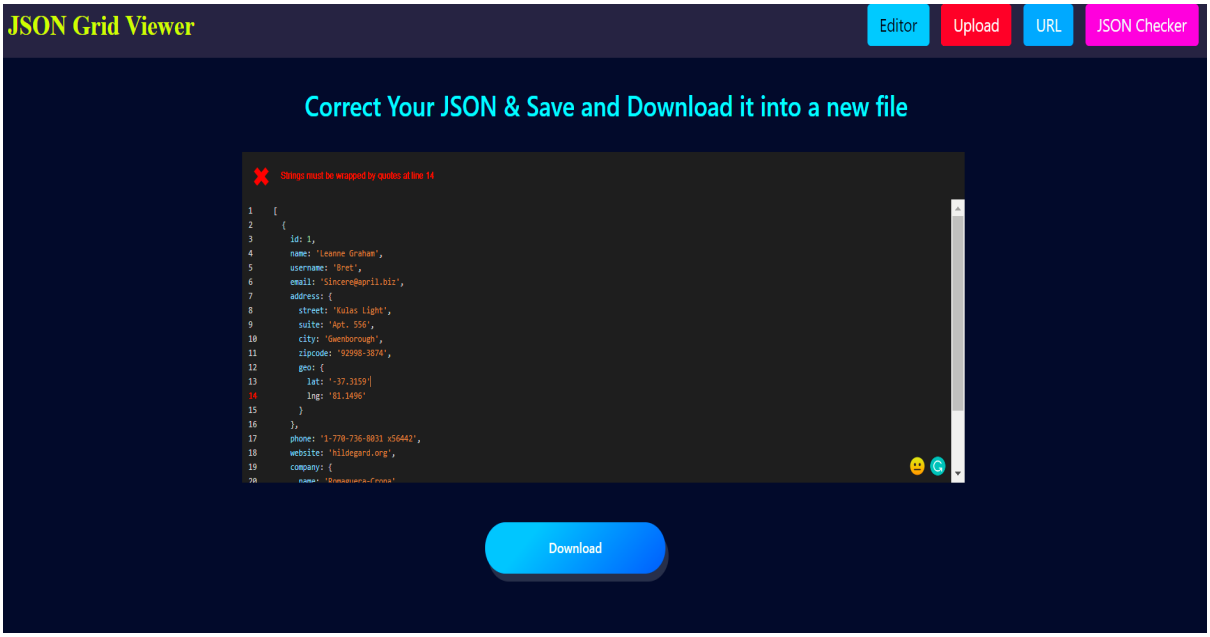
➢ Preview shown can be converted into excel file, csv file and db file.

➢ Users can also perform sql queries on the data records.



➢ **Split Attribute:** User can choose the columns for which he/she wants to perform a split. After selecting the column, users can set the no. of splits and the delimiter with which they want to split the column. Users can also provide the names for the new columns formed.

2.3.5 Check Edit and Download the Custom JSON File



The user can correct their invalid JSON using this JSON checker. If the JSON is correct then the user can download the JSON file. If the JSON is incorrect the user can correct it using the error details and line number provided by the editor.

3. Tech Stack Used:

- Python
- React JS
- PySpark
- SQLite
- Git
- Electron JS

4. Future Scope

- User Authentication can be done and it can be used at team level .
- Support different Operating Systems.
- The Big Data platform can be integrated with this Application.