

Dictionaries, JSON, and Pip



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Maintaining Two Lists

```
acronyms = ['LOL', 'IDK', 'TBH']
translations = ['laugh out loud', "I don't know", 'to be honest']
```

```
del acronyms[0]
del translations[0]
```

*If we add or delete from one list...
We have to do the same thing in the other list.*

```
print(acronyms)
print(translations)
```



```
['IDK', 'TBH']
["I don't know", 'to be honest']
```

A Dictionary Maps Keys to Values

```
acronyms = {'LOL': 'laugh out loud',  
            'IDK': "I don't know",  
            'TBH': 'to be honest'}
```

key

assign to

value

Key	Value
'LOL'	'laugh out loud'
'IDK'	"I don't know"
'TBH'	'to be honest'

These would be the keys and values stored in the dictionary.

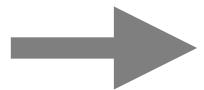
Each item is known as a "key-value pair".

A Dictionary Maps Keys to Values

```
acronyms = {'LOL': 'laugh out loud',  
            'IDK': "I don't know",  
            'TBH': 'to be honest'}
```

```
print(acronyms['LOL'])
```

*To look up a **value** in a dictionary,
we send in a **key**.
(Instead of an **index** in a list.)*



laugh out loud

Dictionaries Can Hold Anything

Dictionaries, like lists, can hold anything you want: numbers, strings, a mix of both, and other objects.

Dictionary of strings to strings

```
acronyms = {'LOL': 'laugh out loud', 'IDK': "I don't know"}
```

Dictionary of strings to numbers

```
menu = {'Soup': 5, 'Salad': 6}
```



A menu item's name is the key, and its price is the value.

Dictionary of anything

```
my_dict = {10: 'hello', 2: 6.5}
```

Creating a Dictionary and Adding Values

Create an empty dictionary:

```
acronyms = {}
```

Adding new dictionary items:

```
acronyms['LOL'] = 'laugh out loud'  
acronyms['IDK'] = "I don't know"  
acronyms['TBH'] = 'to be honest'  
print(acronyms)
```

*Notice our 3 key-value pairs
are there, but order is random
in a dictionary.*



→

```
{'IDK': "I don't know", 'LOL': 'laugh out loud',  
'TBH': 'to be honest'}
```

Updating Values in Our Dictionary

Our current dictionary:

```
print(acronyms)
```



```
{ 'IDK': "I don't know",
  'LOL': 'laugh out loud',
  'TBH': 'to be honest' }
```

Let's update the value for TBH:

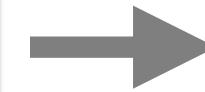
```
acronyms['TBH'] = 'honestly'
```



A value is updated the same way a value is added.

Looking up the same value:

```
print(acronyms['TBH'])
```



```
honestly
```

Removing Dictionary Items

You can delete an item from a dictionary by looking up its key

```
acronyms = {'LOL': 'laugh out loud',  
            'IDK': "I don't know",  
            'TBH': 'to be honest'}
```

```
del acronyms['LOL']    ◀···  
print(acronyms)
```

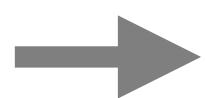
*To delete a **value** in a dictionary, we send
in a **key** just like when we look up a value.*

→ {'IDK': "I don't know", 'TBH': 'to be honest'}

Get an Item that Might Not Be There

Trying to access a key that doesn't exist will cause an error

```
definition = acronyms['BTW']
```



```
KeyError: 'BTW'
```

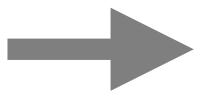


If you want to get a word in the dictionary, use get()

```
# Get a value that might not be there  
definition = acronyms.get('BTW')  
print(definition)
```



*Using get() won't
crash your program.*



```
None
```

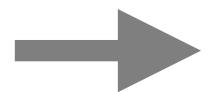


*None is a type that represents
the absence of a value.*

None Type

None means the absence of a value, and evaluates to False in a conditional.

```
acronyms = {'LOL': 'laugh out loud', 'IDK': "I don't know"}  
definition = acronyms.get('BTW') ◀.. definition equals None  
because the key doesn't exist  
  
if definition: ◀..... False because definition is None  
    print(definition)  
else:  
    print("Key doesn't exist") ◀..... So this is run
```



Key doesn't exist

Using a Dictionary to Translate a Sentence

```
acronyms = {'LOL': 'laugh out loud',  
            'IDK': "I don't know",  
            'TBH': 'to be honest'}  
  
sentence = 'IDK' + ' what happened ' + 'TBH'  
translation = acronyms.get('IDK') + ' what happened ' + acronyms.get('TBH')
```



*Look up the value of each acronym
in the acronyms dictionary*

Using a Dictionary to Translate a Sentence

```
acronyms = {'LOL': 'laugh out loud',
            'IDK': "I don't know",
            'TBH': 'to be honest'}

sentence = 'IDK' + ' what happened ' + 'TBH'
translation = acronyms.get('IDK') + ' what happened ' + acronyms.get('TBH')

print('sentence:', sentence)
print('translation:', translation)
```



IDK what happened TBH

I don't know what happened to be honest

Combining Lists and Dictionaries

Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Lists

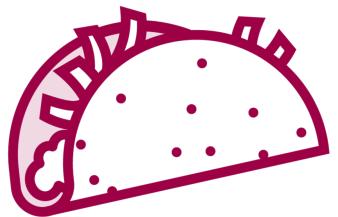
Let's say we have three separate menu lists: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner...



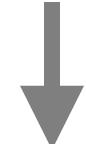
```
breakfast = ['Egg Sandwich', 'Bagel', 'Coffee']
```



```
lunch = ['BLT', 'PB&J', 'Turkey Sandwich']
```



```
dinner = ['Soup', 'Salad', 'Spaghetti', 'Taco']
```



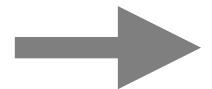
*How would we combine these
into one list?*

A List of Lists

You can have a container of containers - menus is a list of lists.

```
menus = [ ['Egg Sandwich', 'Bagel', 'Coffee'],
          ['BLT', 'PB&J', 'Turkey Sandwich'],
          ['Soup', 'Salad', 'Spaghetti', 'Taco'] ]
```

```
print('Breakfast Menu:\t', menus[0])    ←••• 1st list
print('Lunch Menu:\t',     menus[1])    ←••• 2nd list
print('Dinner Menu:\t',   menus[2])    ←••• 3rd list
```



```
Breakfast Menu: ['Egg Sandwich', 'Bagel', 'Coffee']
Lunch Menu:      ['BLT', 'PB&J', 'Turkey Sandwich']
Dinner Menu:     ['Soup', 'Salad', 'Spaghetti', 'Taco']
```

Getting an Item from a Two-dimensional List

You can use get two indexes to get an individual item

How would you get this item?

```
menus = [ ['Egg Sandwich', 'Bagel', 'Coffee'],  
          ['BLT', 'PB&J', 'Turkey Sandwich'],  
          ['Soup', 'Salad', 'Spaghetti', 'Taco'] ]
```

```
print(menus[0])
```

1st list

→ ['Egg Sandwich', 'Bagel', 'Coffee']

*A good start! Now we just need
to get the second item in this list.*

Getting an Item from a Two-dimensional List

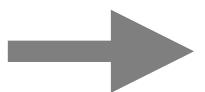
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How would you get this item?

```
menus = [ ['Egg Sandwich', 'Bagel', 'Coffee'],
          ['BLT', 'PB&J', 'Turkey Sandwich'],
          ['Soup', 'Salad', 'Spaghetti', 'Taco'] ]
```

```
print(menus[0][1])
```

*The list at index 0 in the outer list,
the item at index 1 in the inner list*



Bagel

A Dictionary of Lists

We could also use a dictionary for our menus with keys for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

```
menus = { 'Breakfast': ['Egg Sandwich', 'Bagel', 'Coffee'],
          'Lunch':      ['BLT', 'PB&J', 'Turkey Sandwich'],
          'Dinner':     ['Soup', 'Salad', 'Spaghetti', 'Taco'] }

print('Breakfast Menu:\t', menus[ 'Breakfast' ])
print('Lunch Menu:\t',     menus[ 'Lunch' ])
print('Dinner Menu:\t',    menus[ 'Dinner' ])
```

Using the keys to access each list



```
Breakfast Menu: ['Egg Sandwich', 'Bagel', 'Coffee']
Lunch Menu:      ['BLT', 'PB&J', 'Turkey Sandwich']
Dinner Menu:     ['Soup', 'Salad', 'Spaghetti', 'Taco']
```

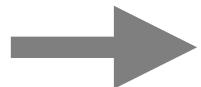
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          'Lunch':      ['BLT', 'PB&J', 'Turkey Sandwich'],
          'Dinner':     ['Soup', 'Salad', 'Spaghetti', 'Taco'] }
```

```
print('Breakfast Menu:\t', menus[ 'Breakfast' ])  
print('Lunch Menu:\t',   menus[ 'Lunch' ])  
print('Dinner Menu:\t',  menus[ 'Dinner' ])
```

*What if we had a
lot more menus, is
there better way to
print each one?*



```
Breakfast Menu: ['Egg Sandwich', 'Bagel', 'Coffee']  
Lunch Menu:      ['BLT', 'PB&J', 'Turkey Sandwich']  
Dinner Menu:    ['Soup', 'Salad', 'Spaghetti', 'Taco']
```

Printing the Dictionary Menu Items

```
menus = { 'Breakfast': ['Egg Sandwich', 'Bagel', 'Coffee'],  
         'Lunch':      ['BLT', 'PB&J', 'Turkey Sandwich'],  
         'Dinner':     ['Soup', 'Salad', 'Spaghetti', 'Taco'] }  
  
for item in menus:  
    print(item)
```

*This defaults to just returning
the keys in a dictionary...
Which is **not** what we want.*



```
Breakfast  
Lunch  
Dinner
```

Using a Dictionary's Key and Value in a `for` Loop

```
menus = { 'Breakfast': ['Egg Sandwich', 'Bagel', 'Coffee'],
          'Lunch':      ['BLT', 'PB&J', 'Turkey Sandwich'],
          'Dinner':     ['Soup', 'Salad', 'Spaghetti', 'Taco'] }

for name, menu in menus.items():
    print(name, ':', menu)
```

*Now the loop has
access to both the key
and the value here.*



```
Breakfast : ['Egg Sandwich', 'Bagel', 'Coffee']
Lunch :      ['BLT', 'PB&J', 'Turkey Sandwich']
Dinner :     ['Soup', 'Salad', 'Spaghetti', 'Taco']
```

Using Dictionaries to Represent Objects



◀ ...

Let's say we have a person and we want to represent their attributes, such as their name, age, and city they're from.

We could use a dictionary where the attributes are saved as key, value pairs.

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⋮
▼

```
person = {'name': 'Sarah Smith',  
          'city': "Orlando",  
          'age': '100'}
```

```
print(person.get('name'), 'is', person.get('age'), 'years old.')
```



Sarah Smith is 100 years old.

Reading JSON and Installing Packages with Pip

We Want a Program that Lists the Current People in Space

```
>>> python3 space_people.py
```

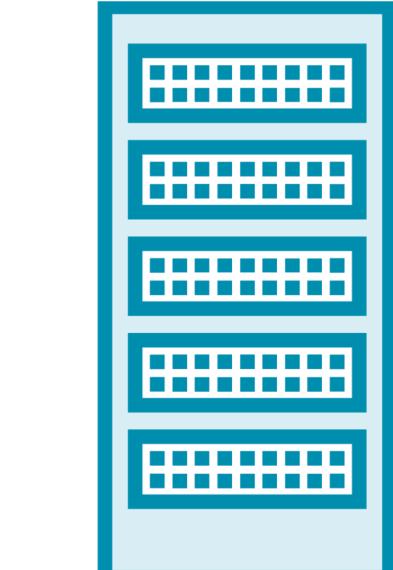
The people currently
in space are:

Sergey Ryzhikov
Kate Rubins
Sergey Kud-Sverchkov
Mike Hopkins
Victor Glover
Shannon Walker
Soichi Noguchi

HTTP Request
to [api.open-notify.org/
astros.json](https://api.open-notify.org/astros.json)

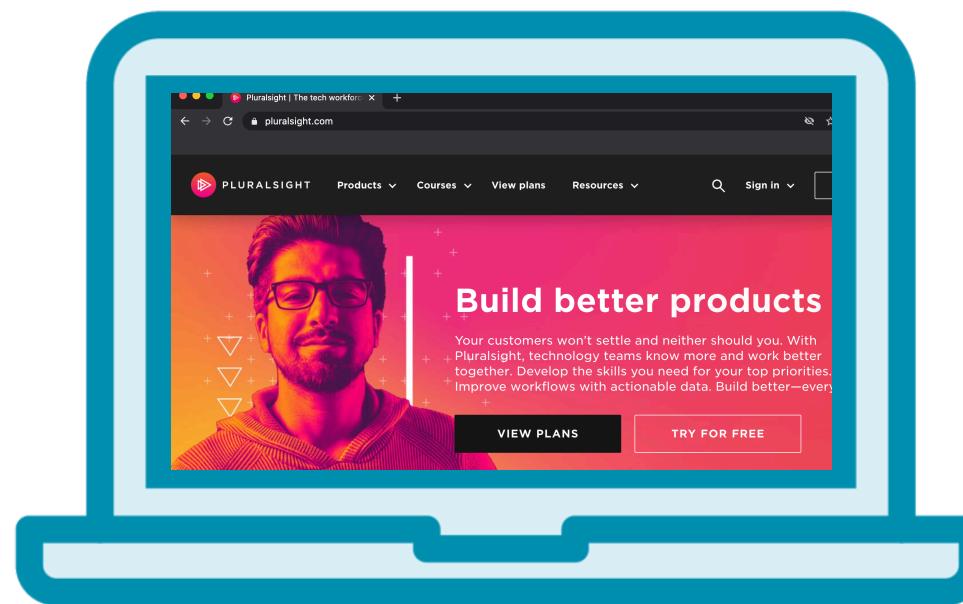


HTTP Response
with the current people
in space



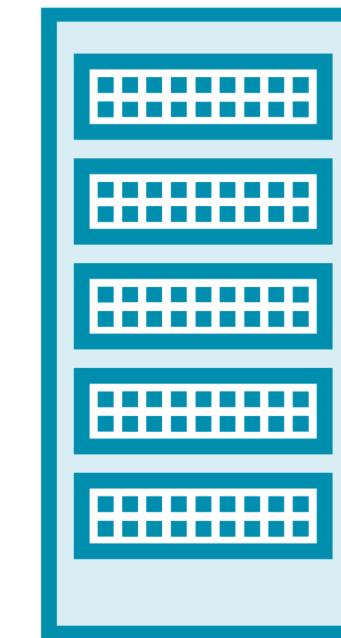
Web Server

HTTP Request



Your Computer

HTTP Request
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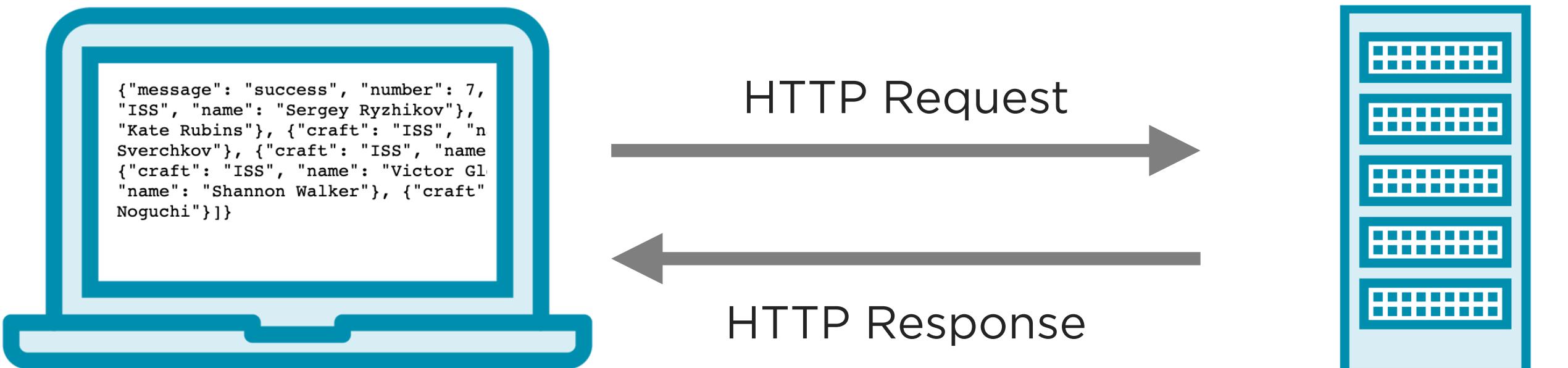


Web Server

HTML can be returned
and displayed as a web
page in your browser

Some Websites Return Raw Data

Usually the raw data is returned under the API (Application Programming Interface) for the website such as api.twitter.com



Your Computer

JSON data is returned and different applications can do different things with it

Web Server

JSON Data

A common use of JSON is to exchange data to/from a web server.

```
json = {  
    "number":4,  
    "students":  
    [  
        {"name":"Sarah Holderness", "email":"sarah@example.com"},  
        {"name":"Harry Potter", "email":"harry@example.com"},  
        {"name":"Hermione Granger", "email":"hermione@example.com"},  
        {"name":"Ron Weasley", "email":"ron@example.com"}  
    ]  
}
```

← .. *JSON format can be a mix of lists and dictionaries like we've seen before*

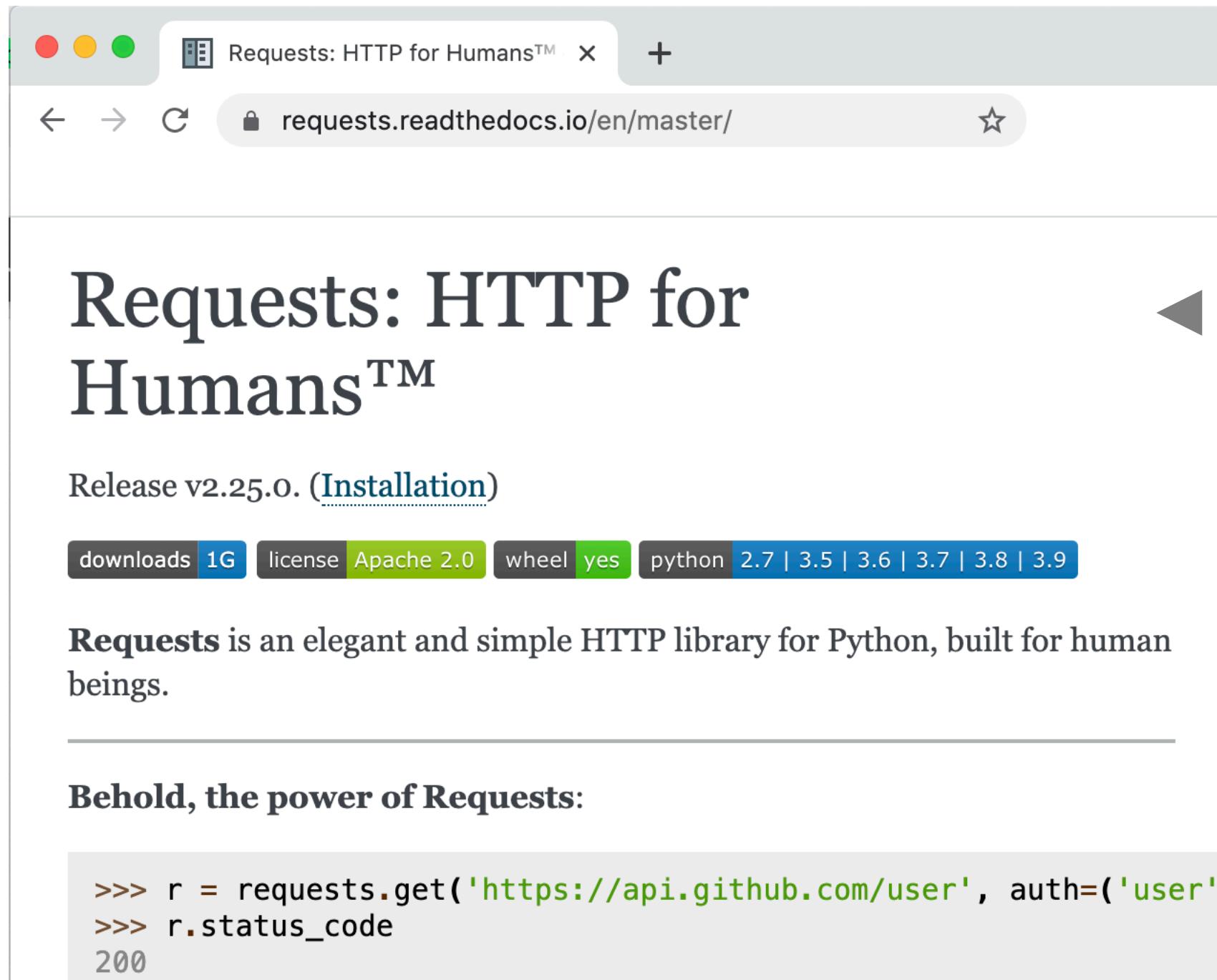
JSON - JavaScript Object Notation

JSON started in JavaScript but now can be used in any programming language, including Python

```
json = {  
    "number":4,  
    "students":  
    [  
        {"name":"Sarah Holderness", "email":"sarah@example.com"},  
        {"name":"Harry Potter", "email":"harry@example.com"},  
        {"name":"Hermione Granger", "email":"hermione@example.com"},  
        {"name":"Ron Weasley", "email":"ron@example.com"}  
    ]  
}
```

How Do We Do an HTTP Request in Python?

If you do a web search for "Python http request" the first result should be for the requests library.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "Requests: HTTP for Humans™". The URL in the address bar is "requests.readthedocs.io/en/master/". The main content of the page is titled "Requests: HTTP for Humans™" and includes a "Release v2.25.0. (Installation)" section. Below this, there are download links for "downloads 1G", "license Apache 2.0", "wheel yes", and "python 2.7 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.9". A descriptive paragraph states: "Requests is an elegant and simple HTTP library for Python, built for human beings." At the bottom, there is a code block demonstrating a GET request:

```
>>> r = requests.get('https://api.github.com/user', auth=('user',  
>>> r.status_code  
200
```



The requests library allows us to do an http request.

However, requests is not installed with Python so we need to install it ourselves.

Ensure PIP is Installed

pip is used to install any package from the Python Package Index

*If Python 3 is installed the command pip3 should work on a Mac or pip on Windows.
(Otherwise add pip to the Path.)*

```
<<< pip3 --version
```

```
pip 20.2.3 from /Library/Frameworks/Python.framework/  
Versions/3.9/lib/python3.9/site-packages/pip (python 3.9)
```

Installing the Requests Package

```
<<< pip3 requests  
Collecting requests  
...  
Successfully installed requests-2.25.0
```

You will need an internet connection since the packages are downloaded from the internet.

Now that the requests package is installed, we can use it in a program!

Where Do We Want to Request Data From?

open-notify.org - This API returns the current number of people in space. When known it also returns the names and spacecraft those people are on.

The screenshot shows the Open Notify website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, API Docs (which is highlighted in red), Source Code, and About. Below the navigation bar, the main content area has a title "How Many People Are In Space Right Now". To the left of the main content, there is a sidebar with a "API DOCS" section containing links to Examples, ISS Current Location, ISS Pass Times, and People In Space. A red box highlights the URL "http://api.open-notify.org/astros.json" which is displayed in a box below the title. Below the URL, the text "How many humans are in space right now?" is visible. To the right of the main content, a large red box contains the handwritten text: "The api we want to send http the request to: api.open-notify.org/astros.json".

How many humans are in space *right now* in JSON?

Making a request to <http://api.open-notify.org/astros.json>, will return the following JSON format.

```
{  
  "message": "success",  
  "number": NUMBER_OF_PEOPLE_IN_SPACE,  
  "people": [  
    {"name": NAME, "craft": SPACECRAFT_NAME},  
    ...  
  ]  
}
```

How Do We Do an HTTP Request in Python?

```
import requests ◀•• First, we import the requests module
```

How Do We Do an HTTP Request in Python?

```
import requests  
  
response = requests.get('http://api.open-notify.org/astros.json')
```



*Then we call `requests.get()` and
pass in our http address:
`api.open-notify.org/astros.json`*

How Do We Get JSON from the Response?

```
import requests  
  
response = requests.get('http://api.open-notify.org/astros.json')  
json = response.json()
```



*Call response.json() to decode
the JSON from the response.*

Now We Can Print the JSON Data

```
import requests  
  
response = requests.get('http://api.open-notify.org/astros.json')  
json = response.json()  
print(json)
```



json stores the JSON as a dictionary



```
{  
  'message': 'success',  
  'number': 7,  
  'people': [  
    {'craft': 'ISS', 'name': 'Sergey Ryzhikov'},  
    {'craft': 'ISS', 'name': 'Kate Rubins'},  
    ...  
  ]}
```

How Do We Print the Names of the People in Space?

```
json =
```

```
{  
    'message': 'success',  
    'number': 7,  
    'people': [  
        {'craft': 'ISS', 'name': 'Sergey Ryzhikov'},  
        {'craft': 'ISS', 'name': 'Kate Rubins'},  
        ...  
    ]  
}
```

How do we get this list of people?

```
json['people']
```



*We can use the people key.
Now let's print this list.*

Printing the People in Space

```
import requests

response = requests.get('http://api.open-notify.org/astros.json')
json = response.json()

for person in json['people']:
    print(person)
```

We can use a loop to print each item in this list.



```
{'craft': 'ISS', 'name': 'Sergey Ryzhikov'}
{'craft': 'ISS', 'name': 'Kate Rubins'}
{'craft': 'ISS', 'name': 'Sergey Kud-Sverchkov'}
...
```



Each item is a dictionary, but we just want the name part.

Printing the People in Space

```
import requests

response = requests.get('http://api.open-notify.org/astros.json')
json   = response.json()

for person in json['people']:
    print(person['name'])
```

We can use the key 'name' key to get just the name.

Sergey Ryzhikov
Kate Rubins
Sergey Kud-Sverchkov
...

Final Touch: Adding a Heading

```
import requests

response = requests.get('http://api.open-notify.org/astros.json')
json    = response.json()

print('The people currently in space are:')  
•••  
for person in json['people']:  
    print(person['name'])
```

*Print a heading
for clarity.*

→ The people currently in space are:
Sergey Ryzhikov
Kate Rubins
Sergey Kud-Sverchkov
...
...