

# Working with Known JSON Schemas - Lab

#### Introduction

In this lab, you'll practice working with JSON files whose schema you know beforehand.

## **Objectives**

You will be able to:

- Use the json module to load and parse JSON documents
- Extract data using predefined JSON schemas
- Convert JSON to a pandas dataframe

# Reading a JSON Schema

Here's the JSON schema provided for a section of the NY Times API:

```
string
  status:
  copyright: string
  num results: integer
  results:
                   display_title:
                                    string
                   mpaa rating:
                                    string
                   critics pick:
                                    integer
                   byline:
                                    string
                                    string
                   headline:
                   summary short:
                                    string
                   publication_date: string
                   opening_date:
                                    string
                   date_updated:
                                    string
                   link:
                                      {}
                                      {}
                   multimedia:
                }
              ]
}
```

or a fully expanded view:

```
status:
               string
  copyright:
               string
  num results: integer
  results:
                    display_title:
                                      string
                    mpaa_rating:
                                     string
                    critics_pick: integer
                    byline:
                                     string
                    headline:
                                      string
                    summary_short:
                                      string
                    publication_date: string
                    opening date:
                                      string
                    date updated:
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                                        url:
                                                             string
                                        suggested_link_text: string
                    multimedia:
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                                                            string
                                                     src:
                                                    height: integer
                                                    width: integer
                                                  }
                                      }
                 }
}
```

You can more about the documentation here.

Note that this is a different schema than the schema used in the previous lesson, although both come from the New York Times.

### Loading the JSON Data

Open the JSON file located at ny\_times\_movies.json, and use the json module to load the data into a variable called data.

```
import json
with open('ny_times_movies.json', 'r') as f:
    data = json.load(f)
```

Run the code below to investigate its contents:

```
print("`data` has type", type(data))
print("The keys are", list(data.keys()))

`data` has type <class 'dict'>
The keys are ['status', 'copyright', 'has_more', 'num_results', 'results']
```

## **Loading Results**

Create a variable results that contains the value associated with the 'results' key.

```
results = data['results']
```

Below we display this variable as a table using pandas:

```
import pandas as pd
df = pd.DataFrame(results)
df

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2	Horn from the Heart: The Paul Butterfield Story		1	GLENN KENNY	Review: Paul Butterfield's Story Is Told in 'H
3	The Price of Everything		0	A.O. SCOTT	Review: 'The Price of Everything' Asks \$56 Bil
4	Impulso		0	BEN KENIGSBERG	Review: 'Impulso' Goes Backstage With a Flamen
5	Watergate		1	A.O. SCOTT	Review: 'Watergate' Shocks Anew With Its True 
6	Barbara		1	GLENN KENNY	Review: In 'Barbara,' a Fictional Biopic of a
7	Over the Limit		1	JEANNETTE CATSOULIS	Review: A Russian Gymnast Goes 'Over the Limit'

	display_title	mpaa_rating	critics_pick	byline	headline
8	The Kindergarten Teacher	R	1	JEANNETTE CATSOULIS	Review: The Disturbing Obsession of 'The Kinde
9	Classical Period		1	BEN KENIGSBERG	Review: In 'Classical Period,' a Deep Dive — R
10	Bad Times at the El Royale	R	0	MANOHLA DARGIS	Review: Hard-Boiled Play in 'Bad Times at the
11	Beautiful Boy	R	0	A.O. SCOTT	Review: In 'Beautiful Boy,' a Writer Confronts
12	The Oath	R	0	GLENN KENNY	Review: In 'The Oath,' a Pledge of Allegiance
13	Bikini Moon		0	KEN JAWOROWSKI	Review: 'Bikini Moon' Finds a Documentary Crew
14	Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween	PG	0	TEO BUGBEE	Review: 'Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween' Is T

	display_title	mpaa_rating	critics_pick	byline	headline
15	The Sentence		0	KEN JAWOROWSKI	Review: In 'The Sentence,' a Woman Gets Prison
16	All Square		0	GLENN KENNY	Review: In 'All Square,' Taking Big Bets on Yo
17	Sadie		0	KEN JAWOROWSKI	Review: The Drama 'Sadie' Finds a Teenager in
18	After Everything		0	TEO BUGBEE	Review: In 'After Everything,' a Young Love Bl
19	First Man	PG-13	0	A.O. SCOTT	Review: 'First Man' Takes a Giant Leap for Man

# **Data Analysis**

Now that you have a general sense of the data, answer some questions about it.

## How many results are in the file?

The metadata says this:

data['num\_results']

20

Double-check that by looking at results . Does it line up?

```
print("The length of `results` is", len(results))
print("That length equals the 'num_results value?'", len(results) == data['num_results']

The length of `results` is 20
That length equals the 'num_results value?' True

"""

Yes, the length of the `results` list matches the 'num_results'
reported by the metadata
"""
```

#### How many unique critics are there?

A critic's name can be identified using the 'byline' key. Assign your answer to the variable unique critics .

```
# Base Python solution:
unique_critics_set = set()
for result in results:
    unique_critics_set.add(result["byline"])
unique_critics = len(unique_critics_set)

# Pandas solution
unique_critics = df["byline"].nunique()
unique_critics
```

This code checks your answer.

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```
assert unique_critics == 7
```

### Flattening Data

Create a list review\_urls that contains the URL for each review. This can be found using the 'url' key nested under 'link'.

```
# First, exploring the structure a bit more to make
# sure we understand it
results[0]['link']
{ 'type': 'article',
 'url': 'http://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/16/movies/can-you-ever-forgive-me-review-
melissa-mccarthy.html',
 'suggested link text': 'Read the New York Times Review of Can You Ever Forgive
Me'}
# In base Python, we can make the list with list comprehension
review urls = [result['link']['url'] for result in results]
review urls
['http://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/16/movies/can-you-ever-forgive-me-review-
melissa-mccarthy.html',
 'http://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/16/movies/charm-city-review-baltimore.html',
 'http://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/16/movies/horn-from-the-heart-review-paul-
butterfield.html',
 'http://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/16/movies/the-price-of-everything-review-
documentary.html',
 'http://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/16/movies/impulso-review-documentary.html',
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review.html',
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carell.html',
 'http://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/11/movies/the-oath-review-tiffany-haddish.html',
 'http://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/11/movies/bikini-moon-review.html',
 'http://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/11/movies/goosebumps-2-haunted-halloween-
review.html',
 'http://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/11/movies/the-sentence-review.html',
 'http://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/11/movies/all-square-review.html',
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'http://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/11/movies/sadie-review.html',
   'http://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/11/movies/after-everything-review.html',
   'http://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/10/movies/first-man-review-ryan-gosling-damien-chazelle.html']

# Alternatively we can use mandas with a lambda function

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```

```
['http://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/16/movies/can-you-ever-forgive-me-review-
melissa-mccarthy.html',
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butterfield.html',
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 'http://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/10/movies/first-man-review-ryan-gosling-damien-
chazelle.html']
```

The following code will check your answer:

```
# review_urls should be a list
assert type(review_urls) == list

# The length should be 20, same as the length of reviews
assert len(review_urls) == 20
```



```
# The data type contained should be string
assert type(review_urls[0]) == str and type(review_urls[-1]) == str
# Spot checking a specific value
assert review_urls[6] == 'http://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/11/movies/barbara-review.ht
```

# **Summary**

Well done! In this lab you continued to practice extracting and transforming data from JSON files with known schemas.

#### Releases

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#### **Packages**

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