

Data Formats Worksheet

Data

pokedex.json contains 801 *Pokémon*s.

The data is in **JSON** format, the following example represents a Pokémon:

```
{
  "id": "001", ❶
  "name": "Bulbasaur",
  "species": "Seed Pokemon",
  "type": [ ❷
    "Grass",
    "Poison"
  ],
  "height": "2ft.4in. (0.71m)",
  "weight": "15.2 lbs (6.9 kg)",
  "abilities": [ ❸
    "Overgrow",
    "Chlorophyll"
  ],
  "stats": { ❹
    "hp": 45,
    "attack": 49,
    "defense": 49,
    "sp.atk": 65,
    "sp.def": 65,
    "speed": 45,
    "total": 318
  },
  "evolution": [ ❺
    "Bulbasaur",
    "Ivysaur",
    "Venusaur"
  ],
  "description": "For some time after its birth, it grows by gaining nourishment from the seed on its back.",
  "gen": 1
}
```

1. Pokémon ID, unique string (3 digits).
2. Pokémon type(s). Order-sensitive.
3. Pokémon abilities. Order-insensitive.
4. Pokémon numeric characteristics. Nested.
5. Pokémon evolution family. Order-sensitive.

Exercise

Convert the given **JSON** file to **TSV** (Tab separated value) file.

- The above JSON contains hierarchy (example: stats → hp). You should flatten this hierarchy by concatenating nested field names with a dot (stats.hp). (Think about what to do with dots within field names)
- Fields that contains arrays should be flattened in a similar way (using zero-based element index as "field name", i.e. type.0, type.1).
- Rows should be ordered by “name”, in an ascending order.
- Units should be only metric.

For example, pounds is not metric, it is imperial. Kg is metric.

Guidelines

- Do not use any converting library (implement converting mechanism).
- You can use libraries to read\write files.
- Python 3.5+
- Your solution **can** be tailored for this specific data schema.

Extra Challenge

Try to implement a generative converter (using the same hierarchy transformation). i.e. a program that reads **any** JSON file, with any schema, and converts it to a TSV.