

# Assignment 9

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Assignment: Choose one of the New York Times APIs, construct an interface in R to read in the JSON data, and transform it into an R Data Frame.

## Getting started

```
# Getting the API key
api_key <- "10cER50thCByvsfBr3SqQcYs0ufP4Iuw"
# Getting the URL
url <-("https://api.nytimes.com/svc/topstories/v2/world.json?api-key=")
# Building the full URL
full_url <- paste("https://api.nytimes.com/svc/topstories/v2/world.json?api-key=10cER50thCByvsfBr3SqQcYs0ufP4Iuw")
topstories <- GET(full_url)
# Check status code
topstories$status_code
```

```
## [1] 200
```

```
# Data set summary
summary(topstories)
```

```
##           Length Class      Mode
## url              1 -none-    character
## status_code      1 -none-    numeric
## headers          22 insensitive list
## all_headers       1 -none-    list
## cookies           7 data.frame list
## content          71094 -none-    raw
## date              1 POSIXct   numeric
## times             6 -none-    numeric
## request           7 request   list
## handle            1 curl_handle externalptr
```

```
# Data set structure
str(topstories)
```

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## List of 10
## $ url          : chr "https://api.nytimes.com/svc/topstories/v2/world.json?api-key=10cER50thCByvsfBr3SqQcYs0ufP4Iuw"
## $ status_code : int 200
## $ headers      :List of 22
##   ..$ date              : chr "Sun, 05 Nov 2023 08:45:53 GMT"
##   ..$ content-type      : chr "application/json"
##   ..$ transfer-encoding : chr "chunked"
##   ..$ connection        : chr "keep-alive"
##   ..$ cache-control     : chr "max-age=600, public"
```

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## ..$ x-envoy-upstream-service-time: chr "79"
## ..$ server : chr "envoy"
## ..$ content-encoding : chr "gzip"
## ..$ x-envoy-decorator-operation : chr "du-topstories-api.publishing.nyti.nyt.net:443/*"
## ..$ accept-ranges : chr "bytes"
## ..$ via : chr "1.1 varnish"
## ..$ age : chr "575"
## ..$ x-served-by : chr "cache-iad-kcgs7200043-IAD"
## ..$ x-cache : chr "HIT"
## ..$ x-cache-hits : chr "1"
## ..$ x-timer : chr "S1699173953.182992,VS0,VE1"
## ..$ vary : chr "Accept-Encoding"
## ..$ access-control-allow-origin : chr "*"
## ..$ access-control-allow-headers : chr "Accept, Content-Type, X-Forwarded-For, X-Prototype-Version"
## ..$ access-control-expose-headers: chr "Content-Length, X-JSON"
## ..$ access-control-allow-methods : chr "GET, OPTIONS"
## ..$ strict-transport-security : chr "max-age=63072000; preload; includeSubdomains"
## ..- attr(*, "class")= chr [1:2] "insensitive" "list"
## $ all_headers:List of 1
## ..$ :List of 3
## .. ..$ status : int 200
## .. ..$ version: chr "HTTP/1.1"
## .. ..$ headers:List of 22
## .. . . . $ date : chr "Sun, 05 Nov 2023 08:45:53 GMT"
## .. . . . $ content-type : chr "application/json"
## .. . . . $ transfer-encoding : chr "chunked"
## .. . . . $ connection : chr "keep-alive"
## .. . . . $ cache-control : chr "max-age=600, public"
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## .. . . . $ server : chr "envoy"
## .. . . . $ content-encoding : chr "gzip"
## .. . . . $ x-envoy-decorator-operation : chr "du-topstories-api.publishing.nyti.nyt.net:443/*"
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## .. . . . $ access-control-allow-headers : chr "Accept, Content-Type, X-Forwarded-For, X-Prototype-Version"
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## .. . . . $ strict-transport-security : chr "max-age=63072000; preload; includeSubdomains"
## .. . . . - attr(*, "class")= chr [1:2] "insensitive" "list"
## $ cookies : 'data.frame': 0 obs. of 7 variables:
## ..$ domain : logi(0)
## ..$ flag : logi(0)
## ..$ path : logi(0)
## ..$ secure : logi(0)
## ..$ expiration: 'POSIXct' num(0)
## ..$ name : logi(0)
## ..$ value : logi(0)

```

```
## $ content      : raw [1:71094] 7b 22 73 74 ...
## $ date         : POSIXct[1:1], format: "2023-11-05 08:45:53"
## $ times        : Named num [1:6] 0 0.00247 0.05629 0.41399 0.71082 ...
##   ..- attr(*, "names")= chr [1:6] "redirect" "namelookup" "connect" "pretransfer" ...
## $ request      :List of 7
##   ..$ method    : chr "GET"
##   ..$ url       : chr "https://api.nytimes.com/svc/topstories/v2/world.json?api-key=l0cER50thCByvsfB"
##   ..$ headers   : Named chr "application/json, text/xml, application/xml, */*"
##   .. ..- attr(*, "names")= chr "Accept"
##   ..$ fields    : NULL
##   ..$ options   :List of 2
##   .. ..$ useragent: chr "libcurl/7.64.1 r-curl/5.0.0 httr/1.4.6"
##   .. ..$ httpget  : logi TRUE
##   ..$ auth_token: NULL
##   ..$ output     : list()
##   .. ..- attr(*, "class")= chr [1:2] "write_memory" "write_function"
##   ..- attr(*, "class")= chr "request"
## $ handle       :Class 'curl_handle' <externalptr>
## - attr(*, "class")= chr "response"
```

```
# Data set names
names(topstories)
```

```
## [1] "url"          "status_code" "headers"      "all_headers" "cookies"
## [6] "content"      "date"         "times"        "request"      "handle"
```

```
top_stories <- content(topstories, as = "text")
```

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## No encoding supplied: defaulting to UTF-8.
```

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Leveraging the jsonlite and the tidyr libraries
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# Assuming 'top_stories' is a valid JSON character string
top_stories_df <- fromJSON(top_stories)
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# Flatten the 'results' element if it's a nested list
if ("results" %in% names(top_stories_df)) {
  top_stories_df <- top_stories_df$results
}
kable(top_stories_df)
```

section	subsection	title
world	europe	French Nuns and Climate Activists Square Off Over Plans for a Megachurch
world	europe	'I Am Dreaming It Will Stop': A Deadlocked War Tests Ukrainian Morale
world	middleeast	In the Aftermath of the Hamas Attack: Portraits of Survivors
world	americas	The New Enemies of Argentina's Far Right: Swifties and the BTS Army
world	europe	Zelensky Rebuke of Top General Signals Rift in Ukrainian Leadership
world	asia	Earthquake in Western Nepal Kills More Than 150
world	asia	Militant Attack on Air Base Is Latest Episode to Unnerve Pakistan
world	asia	Chapter 3: Bargaining for Time
world	australia	Why China and Australia Are Reconciling. Sort of.
world	asia	'Just Like Medicine': A New Push for Divorce in a Nation Where It's Illegal
world	africa	As a Teen, She Loved Video Games. Now She's Using A.I. to Try to Quash Malaria.
world	africa	U.S. Faces Tricky Questions With African Trade Group
world	europe	Flooding in Tuscany Leaves Six Dead
world	europe	Hamburg Airport Closed After Armed Man Drives Onto Tarmac, Prompting Standoff
world	middleeast	Blinken Meets Arab Ministers in Bid to Calm Outrage Over Gaza Airstrikes
us	politics	U.S. Officials Outline Steps to Israel to Reduce Civilian Casualties
briefing		Rothko, in Pain and Glory
world	americas	Remembering Riopelle, the First Canadian Modern Artist Recognized by the World
world	middleeast	Rashida Tlaib Posts Video Accusing Biden of Supporting 'Genocide'
world	middleeast	Israel Used 2,000-Pound Bombs in Strike on Jabaliya, Analysis Shows
world	middleeast	Hamas put wounded fighters on departure lists, delaying efforts to evacuate foreigners, a U.S. official says
world	middleeast	Palestinian TV Reporter and 11 Family Members Killed in Gaza
world	middleeast	Blinken Urges 'Pauses' in Fighting to Deliver Aid for Gaza Civilians
world	middleeast	Many are killed near a Gaza hospital, its chief says, in a strike the Israelis say was aimed at Hamas
world	europe	David Kirke, Who Made the First Modern Bungee Jump, Dies at 78
world	asia	Japan and Philippines, Wary of China, Look to Expand Military Ties
world	americas	Is Fluminense the Team of the Future?
world	asia	New Delhi Chokes as Annual Curse of Pollution Returns With a Vengeance
us	politics	Biden Hosts Leaders of South American Nations for an Economic Summit
world	europe	Russia Sends Biggest Drone Barrage in Weeks, Ukrainian Officials Say
world	europe	Headwind Cycling Race Called Off Over Too Much Wind
world	middleeast	In High-Stakes Speech, Hezbollah's Leader Stops Short of Call to Expand Hamas War
world	middleeast	As Gaza War Enters New Phase, Israel Faces Pressure Over Civilian Deaths

*#Count of Section*

```
top_stories_df <- data.frame(
  "section" = character(34),
  "subsection" = character(34),
  "title" = character(34),
  "abstract" = character(34),
  "url" = character(34),
  "uri" = character(34),
  "byline" = character(34),
  "item_type" = character(34),
  "updated" = character(34),
  "created_date" = character(34),
  "published_date" = character(34),
  "material_type_facet" = character(34),
  "kicker" = character(34),
  "des_facet" = character(34),
  "org_facet" = character(34),
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"per_facet" = character(34),
"geo_facet" = character(34),
"multimedia" = character(34),
"short_url" = character(34)
)

```

```

# Check the structure of the data frame
str(top_stories_df)

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## 'data.frame':   34 obs. of  19 variables:
## $ section      : chr  "" "" "" "" ...
## $ subsection   : chr  "" "" "" "" ...
## $ title        : chr  "" "" "" "" ...
## $ abstract     : chr  "" "" "" "" ...
## $ url          : chr  "" "" "" "" ...
## $ uri          : chr  "" "" "" "" ...
## $ byline       : chr  "" "" "" "" ...
## $ item_type    : chr  "" "" "" "" ...
## $ updated      : chr  "" "" "" "" ...
## $ created_date : chr  "" "" "" "" ...
## $ published_date : chr  "" "" "" "" ...
## $ material_type_facet: chr  "" "" "" "" ...
## $ kicker       : chr  "" "" "" "" ...
## $ des_facet    : chr  "" "" "" "" ...
## $ org_facet    : chr  "" "" "" "" ...
## $ per_facet    : chr  "" "" "" "" ...
## $ geo_facet    : chr  "" "" "" "" ...
## $ multimedia   : chr  "" "" "" "" ...
## $ short_url    : chr  "" "" "" "" ...

```

```

colnames <- c(
  "section",
  "subsection",
  "title",
  "abstract",
  "url",
  "uri",
  "byline",
  "item_type",
  "updated",
  "created_date",
  "published_date",
  "material_type_facet",
  "kicker",
  "des_facet",
  "org_facet",
  "per_facet",
  "geo_facet",
  "multimedia",
  "short_url"
)
colnames

```

```

## [1] "section"          "subsection"        "title"
## [4] "abstract"         "url"               "uri"

```

```
## [7] "byline"           "item_type"         "updated"
## [10] "created_date"      "published_date"    "material_type_facet"
## [13] "kicker"            "des_facet"         "org_facet"
## [16] "per_facet"         "geo_facet"         "multimedia"
## [19] "short_url"
```

```
byline <- top_stories_df %>%
  group_by(byline) %>%
  summarise(num=n()) %>%
  arrange(desc(num))
byline
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 2
##   byline    num
##   <chr>   <int>
## 1 ""         34
```