

# JSON VALIDATOR

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# Objectives

Our objective is to create a website where we can let users input text or upload file to verify if the input is a valid JSON file or not. Our validation included:

- Unicode: UTF-8 encoded
- Whitespace: Allowed but in insignificant amount (except in strings)
- Tokens: *[, ], {, }, :, , strings, numbers, true, false, null.*
- Strings: Must be in double-quoted, backslash before special or control characters.
- Case-sensitive: true, false, null (must be lowercase).

# METHODS & LANGUAGES:

## JFLEX+JAVA

Is used for JSON lexer and our own custom JSON parser.



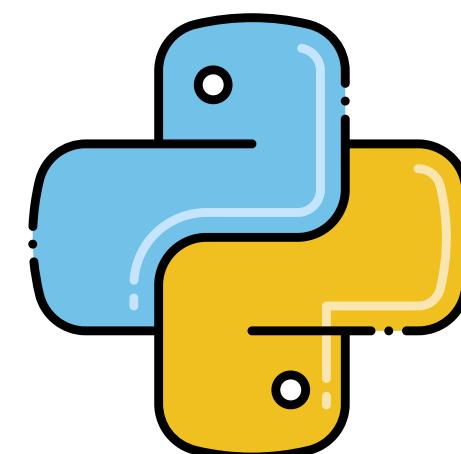
## HTML, CSS, AND JAVASCRIPT

Used for GUI, it includes text box for user input, button to upload file to analyze or the user can simply drag and drop the file into our website to analyze instead.



## PYTHON

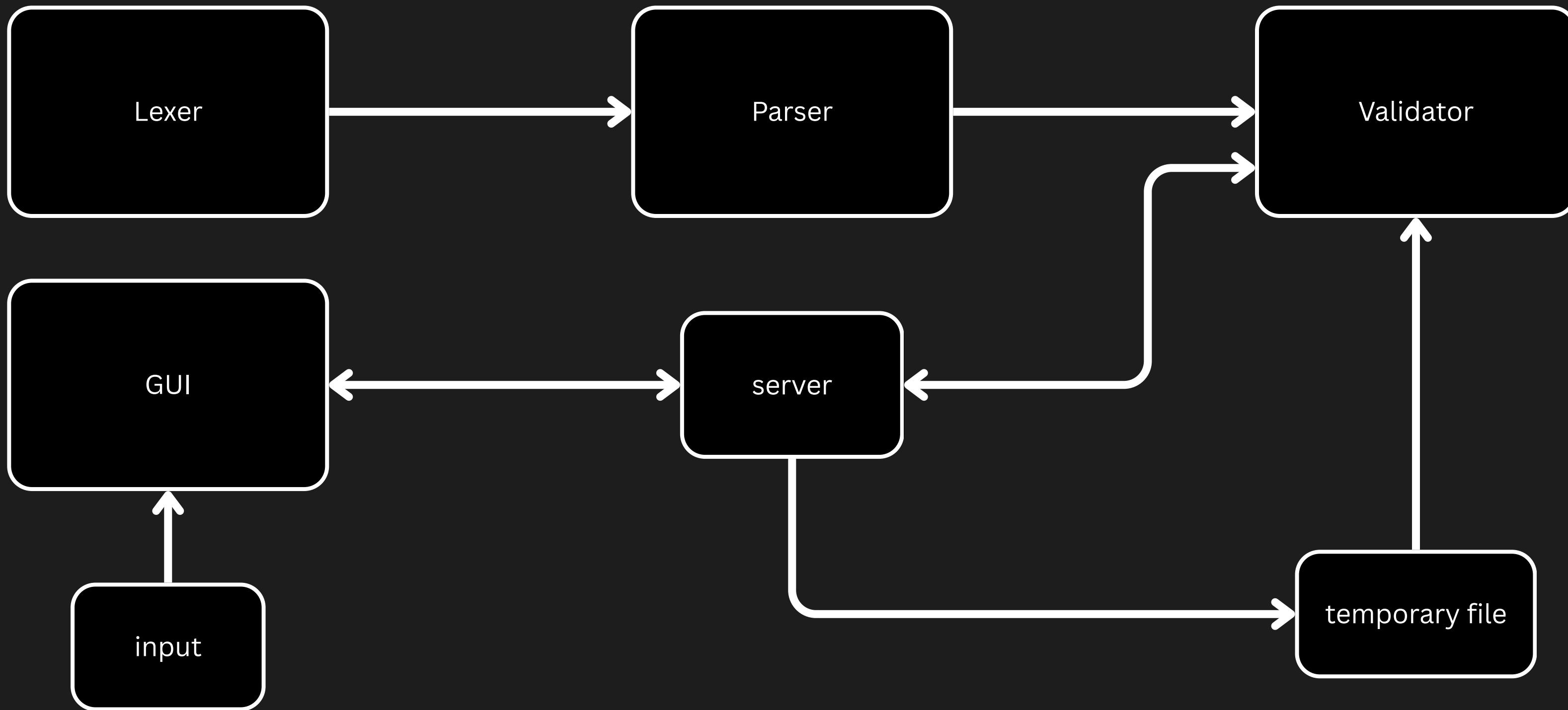
It is used for hosting the website and for our backend operations behind the scene.



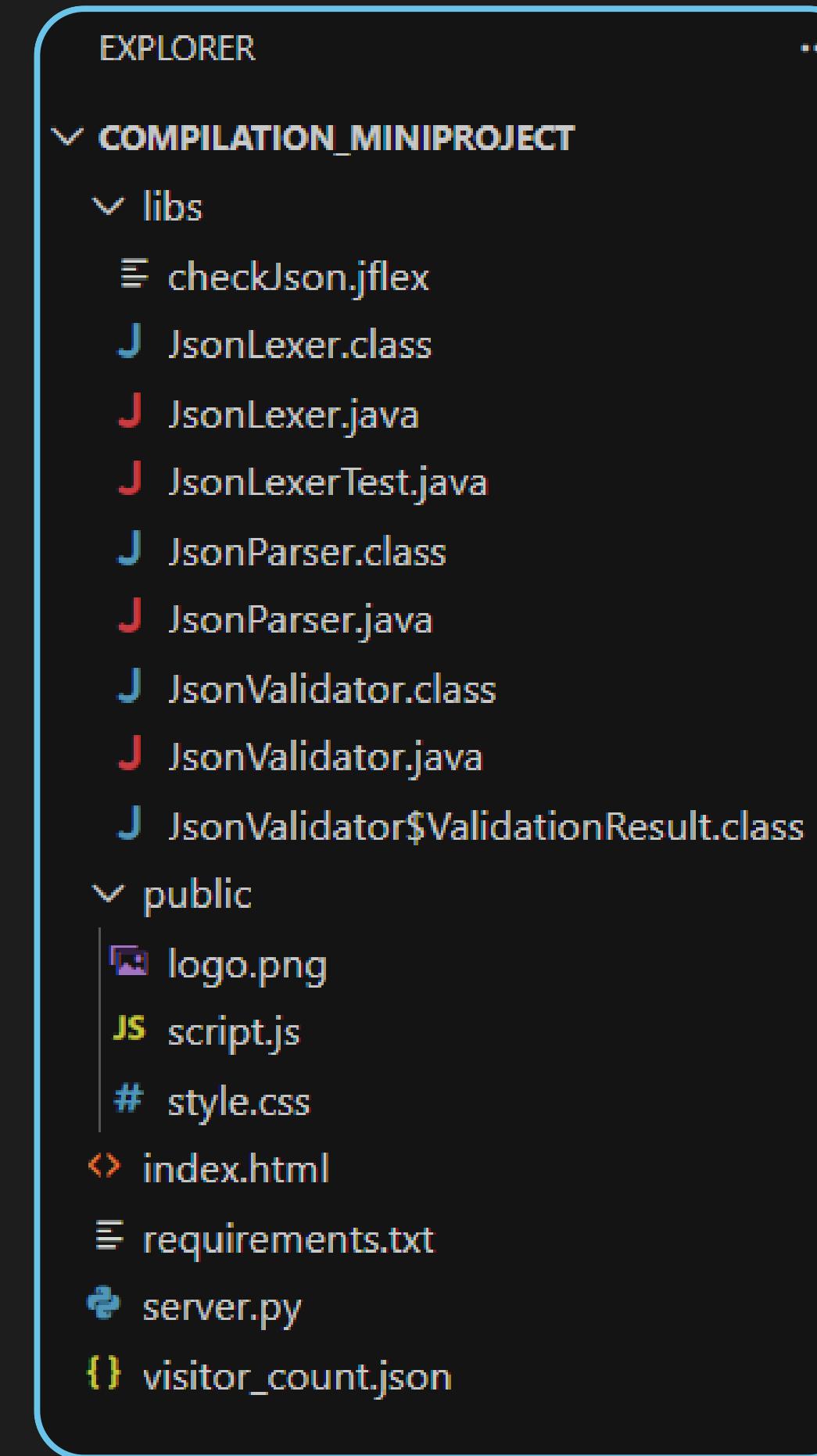
# Implementation

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# Flow



# Project Folder



# checkJson.jflex



```
1  %%
2
3 %class JsonLexer
4 %unicode
5 %line
6 %column
7 %type String
8
9 %}
10    public static final String LEFT_BRACE = "LEFT_BRACE";
11    public static final String RIGHT_BRACE = "RIGHT_BRACE";
12    public static final String LEFT_BRACKET = "LEFT_BRACKET";
13    public static final String RIGHT_BRACKET = "RIGHT_BRACKET";
14    public static final String COMMA = "COMMA";
15    public static final String COLON = "COLON";
16    public static final String STRING = "STRING";
17    public static final String NUMBER = "NUMBER";
18    public static final String TRUE = "TRUE";
19    public static final String FALSE = "FALSE";
20    public static final String NULL = "NULL";
21    public static final String ERROR = "ERROR";
22    public static final String EOF = "EOF";
23
24    private void error(String message) {
25        System.err.println("Error at line " + (yyline + 1) + ", column " + (yycolumn + 1) + ": " + message);
26    }
27 }
```



# checkJson.jflex

```
● ● ●  
1 WhiteSpace = [ \t\r\n]+  
2  
3 Digit = [0-9]  
4 NonZeroDigit = [1-9]  
5 Integer = "-"? ("0" | {NonZeroDigit}{Digit}*)  
6 Fraction = "."{Digit}+  
7 Exponent = [eE][+-]?{Digit}+  
8 Number = {Integer}{Fraction}?{Exponent}?  
9  
10 InvalidNumber = "-"? "0"{Digit}+ | {Number}."[Digit]*."  
11 StringChar = [\u1780-\u17FF\u19E0-\u19FF]  
12 ValidEscape = "\\ ([\"\\]/bfnt] | "u"[0-9a-fA-F]{4})  
13 InvalidEscape = "\\ [^\"\\]/bfnrtu] | "\\ "u" [0-9a-fA-F]{0,3}[^0-9a-fA-F] | "\\ "u" [0-9a-fA-F]{0,3}  
14 String = \" ({StringChar} | {ValidEscape})* \\"  
15  
16 UnterminatedString = \" ({StringChar} | {ValidEscape})*  
17 InvalidEscapeString = \" ({StringChar} | {ValidEscape})* {InvalidEscape}  
18 ControlCharString = \" ({StringChar} | {ValidEscape})* [\u0000-\u001F]  
19 InvalidTrue = [Tt][Rr][Uu][Ee]  
20 InvalidFalse = [Ff][Aa][Ll][Ss][Ee]  
21 InvalidNull = [Nn][Uu][Ll][Ll]  
22  
23 %%
```

# checkJson.jflex



```
1  /* Lexical rules */
2 <YYINITIAL> {
3     "{"          { return LEFT_BRACE; }
4     "}"          { return RIGHT_BRACE; }
5     "["          { return LEFT_BRACKET; }
6     "]"          { return RIGHT_BRACKET; }
7     ","          { return COMMA; }
8     ":"          { return COLON; }
9
10    "true"       { return TRUE; }
11    "false"      { return FALSE; }
12    "null"       { return NULL; }
13
14    {InvalidTrue} {
15        error("Invalid boolean: '" + yytext() + "' (must be lowercase 'true'))";
16        return ERROR;
17    }
18    {InvalidFalse} {
19        error("Invalid boolean: '" + yytext() + "' (must be lowercase 'false'))";
20        return ERROR;
21    }
22    {InvalidNull} {
23        error("Invalid null: '" + yytext() + "' (must be lowercase 'null'))";
24        return ERROR;
25    }
26    {InvalidNumber} {
27        error("Invalid number format: '" + yytext() + "'");
28        return ERROR;
29    }
30}
```

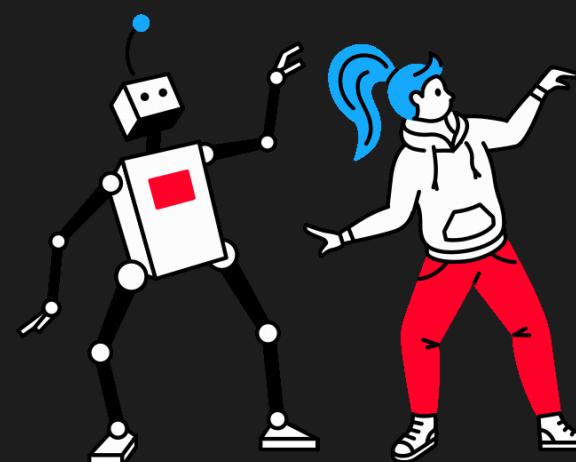
```
32
33    {Number}           { return NUMBER; }
34    {InvalidEscapeString} {
35        error("Invalid escape sequence in string");
36        return ERROR;
37    }
38    {ControlCharString} {
39        error("Unescaped control character in string");
40        return ERROR;
41    }
42    {UnterminatedString} {
43        error("Unterminated string");
44        return ERROR;
45    }
46    {String}            { return STRING; }
47    {WhiteSpace}        { /* ignore */ }
48
49    <<EOF>>           { return EOF; }
50
51    '"'                {
52        error("Invalid quote character (use double quotes for JSON strings)");
53        return ERROR;
54    }
55    '.'                {
56        error("Unexpected character: '" + yytext() + "'");
57        return ERROR;
58    }
59}
60
```

# JsonParser.java

```
1  private void parseValue() throws IOException {
2      if (currentToken.equals(JsonLexer.ERROR)) {
3          throw new RuntimeException("Lexical error encountered");
4      }
5
6      switch (currentToken) {
7          case JsonLexer.LEFT_BRACE:
8              parseObject();
9              break;
10         case JsonLexer.LEFT_BRACKET:
11             parseArray();
12             break;
13         case JsonLexer.STRING:
14         case JsonLexer.NUMBER:
15         case JsonLexer.TRUE:
16         case JsonLexer.FALSE:
17         case JsonLexer.NULL:
18             advance(); // Consume the literal
19             break;
20         default:
21             error("Expected value but found " + currentToken);
22             throw new RuntimeException("Parse error");
23     }
24 }
```

```
1  private void parseObject() throws IOException {
2      expect(JsonLexer.LEFT_BRACE);
3
4      // Empty object is valid
5      if (match(JsonLexer.RIGHT_BRACE)) {
6          return;
7      }
8
9      // Parse key-value pairs
10     do {
11         // Expect string key
12         if (!currentToken.equals(JsonLexer.STRING)) {
13             error("Expected string key but found " + currentToken);
14             throw new RuntimeException("Parse error");
15         }
16         advance();
17
18         // Expect colon
19         expect(JsonLexer.COLON);
20
21         // Parse value
22         parseValue();
23
24     } while (match(JsonLexer.COMMA));
25
26     // Expect closing brace
27     expect(JsonLexer.RIGHT_BRACE);
28 }
```

```
30    /**
31     * Parse JSON array: [ value, ... ]
32     */
33    private void parseArray() throws IOException {
34        expect(JsonLexer.LEFT_BRACKET);
35
36        // Empty array is valid
37        if (match(JsonLexer.RIGHT_BRACKET)) {
38            return;
39        }
40
41        // Parse values
42        do {
43            parseValue();
44        } while (match(JsonLexer.COMMA));
45
46        expect(JsonLexer.RIGHT_BRACKET);
47    }
```



# JsonValidator.java



```
 1 import java.io.*;
 2
 3 public class JsonValidator {
 4
 5     public static class ValidationResult {
 6         private final boolean valid;
 7         private final String message;
 8         private final String[] errors;
 9
10         public ValidationResult(boolean valid, String message, String[] errors) {
11             this.valid = valid;
12             this.message = message;
13             this.errors = errors;
14         }
15
16         public boolean isValid() {
17             return valid;
18         }
19
20         public String getMessage() {
21             return message;
22         }
23
24         public String[] getErrors() {
25             return errors;
26         }
27
28         @Override
29         public String toString() {
30             StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
31             sb.append("=====\n");
32             sb.append("          JSON VALIDATION RESULT\n");
33             sb.append("=====\n");
34
35             if (valid) {
36                 sb.append("Status: VALID JSON\n");
37                 sb.append(message).append("\n");
38             } else {
39                 sb.append("Status: INVALID JSON\n");
40                 sb.append(message).append("\n");
41
42                 if (errors != null && errors.length > 0) {
43                     sb.append("\nErrors Found:\n");
44                     for (int i = 0; i < errors.length; i++) {
45                         sb.append("  ").append(i + 1).append(".").append(errors[i]).append("\n");
46                     }
47                 }
48             }
49
50             sb.append("=====");
51             return sb.toString();
52         }
53     }
54 }
```

```
56     public static ValidationResult validate(String jsonString) {
57         if (jsonString == null || jsonString.trim().isEmpty()) {
58             return new ValidationResult(false, "Empty or null input",
59                                         new String[]{"JSON input cannot be empty"});
60         }
61
62         try {
63             StringReader reader = new StringReader(jsonString);
64             JsonParser parser = new JsonParser(reader);
65             boolean isValid = parser.parse();
66
67             if (isValid) {
68                 return new ValidationResult(true,
69                                         "JSON is well-formed and structurally valid", null);
70             } else {
71                 String[] errorArray = parser.getErrors().toArray(new String[0]);
72                 return new ValidationResult(false,
73                                         "JSON validation failed", errorArray);
74             }
75
76         } catch (IOException e) {
77             return new ValidationResult(false,
78                                         "IO error during validation",
79                                         new String[]{"IOException: " + e.getMessage()});
80         } catch (Exception e) {
81             return new ValidationResult(false,
82                                         "Unexpected error during validation",
83                                         new String[]{"Exception: " + e.getMessage()});
84         }
85     }
86
87     public static ValidationResult validateFile(String filename) {
88         try {
89             StringBuilder content = new StringBuilder();
90             BufferedReader reader = new BufferedReader(new FileReader(filename));
91             String line;
92             while ((line = reader.readLine()) != null) {
93                 content.append(line).append("\n");
94             }
95             reader.close();
96
97             return validate(content.toString());
98
99         } catch (FileNotFoundException e) {
100             return new ValidationResult(false,
101                                         "File not found",
102                                         new String[]{"Cannot find file: " + filename});
103         } catch (IOException e) {
104             return new ValidationResult(false,
105                                         "Error reading file",
106                                         new String[]{"IOException: " + e.getMessage()});
107         }
108     }
109 }
```

# Result

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## Advanced JSON Validator

### Input JSON

Upload File

Valid Example

Invalid Example

Clear All

Enter your JSON here or drag and drop a JSON file...

Example:  
{  
  "name": "John",  
  "age": 30,  
  "active": true  
}



Drag and drop a JSON file here, or type/paste your JSON above.

**Validate JSON**

### Validation Result



Enter JSON or upload a file to start validation.

## Validation Features



### Lexical Analysis

Detects invalid characters, malformed strings, and number formats



### Structure Validation

Checks object/array nesting, brackets, and syntax rules



### Fast Processing

Uses JFlex lexer and recursive descent parser



### Detailed Errors

Provides specific error messages for debugging

## Special features of our Web App



### Drag and Drop

Allows users to drag and drop JSON files for validation



### User friendly

Clean and intuitive interface for easy navigation



### Use On everything

Responsive design for all devices



### Access Everywhere

Accessible from any device with an internet connection

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Total Visits: Tracking Offline

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# Demo

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