

Quick Code Wednesday

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What is JSON?

JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) is a lightweight data-interchange format based on the syntax of JavaScript objects.

It is a **text-based** language-independent format for representing structured object data for easy transmission or saving.

Why JSON?

Compared to its predecessor in server-client communication, **XML**, is much smaller, translating into faster data transfers, and better experiences.

Human-friendly easy to read and write with any text editor, and simultaneously machine-friendly easy to parse, build and with an excellent compression rate.

JSON has expressive syntax for representing: objects, numbers, booleans and arrays.

How?

JSON Syntax Rules

- Uses key/value pairs { "fileType": "JSON" }
- Uses double quotes around KEY and VALUE
- Must use the specified data types...
- File type is ".json" and MIME type is "Application/json"

Data Types

String: unicode characters in double quotes (" ")

Array: Ordered list of Object or more values in ([])

Object: Unordered collection of key/value pairs in ({ })

Number: no difference between integer and floats

Boolean: true or false

Empty value: null



Pitfalls...

Date and time

Comments

Functions, Undefined, Nan

Binaries

Cyclical or recurring graphs

Schemas



JavaScript

JSON.parse() method parses a JSON string, constructing the *JavaScript value* or *object* described by the string.

https://tc39.es/ecma262/#sec-json-object

JSON.parse() does not allow trailing commas

```
JSON.parse('[1, 2, 3, 4, ]');
JSON.parse('{"foo" : 1, }');
```

JSON.parse() does not allow single quotes

```
JSON.parse("{ 'foo': 1}");
```

JSON.stringify() method converts a JavaScript object or value to a JSON string.

If value has a toJSON() method, it's responsible to define what data will be serialized.

undefined, functions, infinity, NaN, and symbols are not valid JSON values
=> changed to null or {}.

Date implement the toJSON() function by returning a string, the same as date.tolSOString().

https://tc39.es/ecma262/#sec-json.stringify

Many **Node.js** libraries and frameworks use toJson() to ensure Json.stringify() can serialize complex objects into something meaningful.

The tojson() function is useful for making sure **ES6** classes get serialized correctly.

For example, Moment.js objects have a nice simple tojson() function.

```
const moment = require('moment');
console.log(moment('2019-06-01').toJSON.toString());
```

.Net core C#

System. Text. Json provides the functionality for serializing and deserializing JSON. System. Text. Json. Serialization namespace contains attributes and APIs for advanced scenarios and customization specific to serialization and deserialization.

Built-in as part of the .NET Core 3.0

Also you can install the System. Text. Json NuGet package that supports:

- .NET Standard 2.0 and later versions
- .NET Framework 4.7.2 and later versions
- .NET Core 2.0, 2.1, and 2.2

https://www.nuget.org/packages/System.Text.Json https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/standard/serialization/system-text-json-overview

All public properties are serialized. You can decorate with [JsonIgnore]

Ignore read only properties IgnoreReadOnlyProperties = true

Ignore null values IgnoreNullValues = true

Non-ASCII characters, HTML-sensitive characters must be escaped (RFC 8259).

Minified, but pretty-print with WriteIndented = true option.

The casing of names matches the .Net names, maybe PropertyNamingPolicy = JsonNamingPolicy.CamelCase Option.

C# - JsonSerializer.Serialize

```
using System.Text.Json;
using System.Text.Json.Serialization;
public class WeatherForecast
   public DateTimeOffset Date { get; set; }
   public int TemperatureCelsius { get; set; }
   public string Summary { get; set; }
 string jsonString;
 jsonString = JsonSerializer.Serialize(weatherForecast);
using (FileStream fs = File.Create(fileName))
     await JsonSerializer.SerializeAsync(fs, weatherForecast);
```

Property name matching is case-sensitive, or PropertyNameCaseInsensitive = true, and [JsonPropertyName("NewName")]

Any value for a read-only property is ignored and no exception is thrown.

Comments and trailing commas in the JSON throw exceptions (RFC 8259)
You can do it with this options: ReadCommentHandling = JsonCommentHandling.Skip,
AllowTrailingCommas = true,

The maximum depth allowed when reading JSON is 64 levels.

C# - JsonSerializer.Deserialize

```
weatherForecast = JsonSerializer.Deserialize<WeatherForecastWithPOCOs>(jsonString);
using (FileStream fs = File.OpenRead(fileName))
{
    weatherForecast = await JsonSerializer.DeserializeAsync<WeatherForecast>(fs);
}
```

```
options = new JsonSerializerOptions();
options.Converters.Add(new JsonStringEnumConverter(JsonNamingPolicy.CamelCase));
weatherForecast = JsonSerializer.Deserialize<WeatherForecastWithEnum>(jsonString, options);
```

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/standard/serialization/system-text-json-how-to

C# - DateTimeOffset

The <u>DateTimeOffset</u> defines the difference between the current instance's date and time and Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

JSON serialize using both DateTime and DateTimeOffset.

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/api/system.datetimeoffset?view=netcore-3.1 https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/standard/datetime/converting-between-datetime-and-offset

REFERENCE LINKS

Json.org (Douglas Crockford one page specification)

https://www.json.org/

RFC 8259 (2017-12)

https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc8259

ECMA-404 (a pure coincidence number!)

(starts in 2013-10, last edition 2017-12)

http://www.ecma-international.org/publications/files/ECMA-ST/ECMA-404.pdf

JSON Web Signature (JWS)

https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc7515

JSON Web Tokens (JWT)

https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc7519

JWT.io

WARNING: You are exposing access tokens to the world when using online tools to analyze JWT tokens.

https://jwt.io/

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THANK YOU

MUCHAS GRACIAS