

# Introduction to APIs and JSONs

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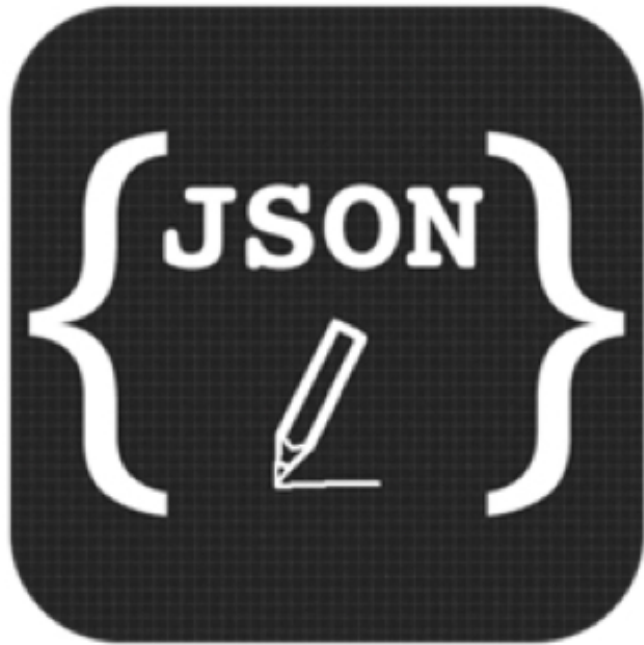
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# JSONs

- JavaScript Object Notation
- Real-time server-to-browser communication
- Douglas Crockford
- Human readable



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# Loading JSONs in Python

```
import json  
with open('snakes.json', 'r') as json_file:  
    json_data = json.load(json_file)
```

```
type(json_data)
```

```
dict
```



# Exploring JSONs in Python

```
for key, value in json_data.items():  
    print(key + ': ', value)
```

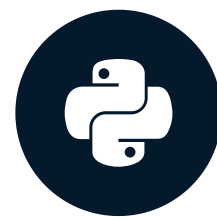
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Country: Germany, USA, Canada  
Response: True  
Language: English  
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# Let's practice!

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# APIs and interacting with the world wide web

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# Herein, you'll learn

- What APIs are
- Why APIs are important
- In the exercises:
  - Connecting to APIs
  - Pulling data from APIs
  - Parsing data from APIs

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API

# Connecting to an API in Python

```
import requests
url = 'http://www.omdbapi.com/?t=hackers'
r = requests.get(url)
json_data = r.json()
for key, value in json_data.items():
    print(key + ': ', value)
```

# What was that URL?

- http - making an HTTP request
- [www.omdbapi.com](http://www.omdbapi.com) - querying the OMDB API
- `?t=hackers`
  - Query string
  - Return data for a movie with title (t) 'Hackers'

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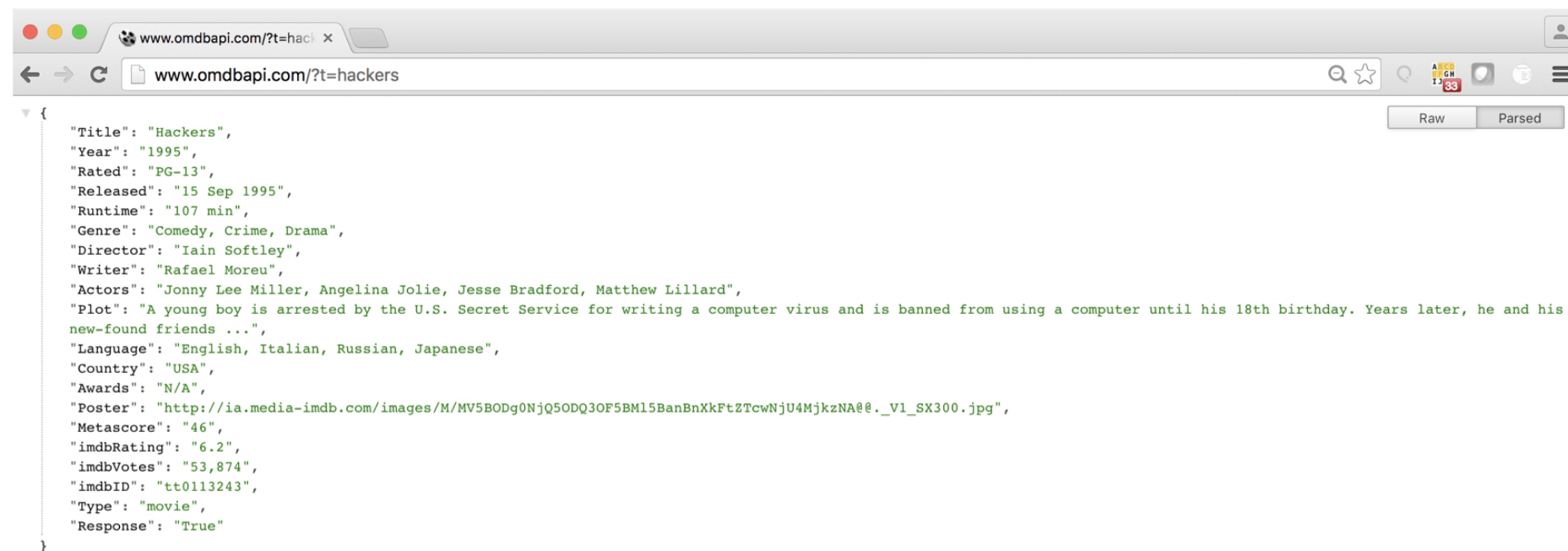
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## Parameters

By ID or Title

Parameter	Required	Valid Options	Default Value	Description
i	Optional*		<empty>	A valid IMDb ID (e.g. tt1285016)
t	Optional*		<empty>	Movie title to search for.
type	No	movie, series, episode	<empty>	Type of result to return.

# It's a regular URL!



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