

# MediaWiki API help

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Documentation and examples: <https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/API>

## format=json

([main](#) | **json**)

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Output data in JSON format.

- [https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/API:Data\\_formats](https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/API:Data_formats)

Parameters:

callback

If specified, wraps the output into a given function call. For safety, all user-specific data will be restricted.

utf8

If specified, encodes most (but not all) non-ASCII characters as UTF-8 instead of replacing them with hexadecimal escape sequences. Default when *formatversion* is not 1.

Type: boolean ([details](#))

ascii

If specified, encodes all non-ASCII using hexadecimal escape sequences. Default when *formatversion* is 1.

Type: boolean ([details](#))

formatversion

Output formatting:

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|--------|---|
| 1      | Backwards-compatible format (XML-style booleans, * keys for content nodes, etc.). |
| 2      | Experimental modern format. Details may change!                                   |
| latest | Use the latest format (currently 2), may change without warning.                  |

One of the following values: 1, 2, latest  
Default: 1

Example:

Return the query result in the JSON format.

<api.php?action=query&meta=siteinfo&sirop=namespaces&format=json> [\[open in sandbox\]](#)

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