



JSON

JSON stands for JavaScript Object Notation

JSON is a text format for storing and transporting data

Commonly used for API and config files

JSON syntax is derived from JavaScript object notation syntax:

Data is in name/value pairs

Data is separated by commas

Curly braces hold objects

Square brackets hold arrays

```
{  
  "name": "vishwajeet kumar",  
  "age": 25,  
  "lang": ["c", "c++", "java", "php", "python"]  
}
```

JSON is language independent

(Code for reading and generating JSON exists in many programming languages.)

Earlier XML was used instead of JSON

Then why JSON

- JSON is faster in term of data parsing
- JSON is cleaner than XML
- JSON is light weight than xml
- Easy to read and write

JSON vs XML

XML

```
<empinfo>
  <employees>
    <employee>
      <name>James Kirk</name>
      <age>40</age>
    </employee>
    <employee>
      <name>Jean-Luc Picard</name>
      <age>45</age>
    </employee>
    <employee>
      <name>Wesley Crusher</name>
      <age>27</age>
    </employee>
  </employees>
</empinfo>
```

JSON

```
{ "empinfo" :
  {
    "employees" : [
      {
        "name" : "James Kirk",
        "age" : 40,
      },
      {
        "name" : "Jean-Luc Picard",
        "age" : 45,
      },
      {
        "name" : "Wesley Crusher",
        "age" : 27,
      }
    ]
  }
}
```