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Mythical creatures



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<https://shellback0608.files.wordpress.com/2016/07/bird-phoenix-flight-art-drawing.jpg>



<https://i.ytimg.com/vi/kKJQESF0qqk/maxresdefault.jpg>

API docs

Exploring JSON With jq

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What is JSON?

JavaScript Object Notation

```
[  
  { "name": "Alice", "age": 20},  
  { "name": "Bob", "age": 30}  
]
```

Reading JSON returned by remote servers

```
@interface AAAJSONResponseSerializer : AFJSONResponseSerializer
@end

@implementation AAAJSONResponseSerializer

- (id)responseObjectForResponse:(NSURLResponse *)response
    data:(NSData *)data
    error:(NSError * __autoreleasing *)error {

#ifdef DEBUG
    NSHTTPURLResponse * httpResponse = (NSHTTPURLResponse *) response;
    NSString *body = [[NSString alloc] initWithData:data encoding:NSUTF8StringEncoding];
    DDLogInfo(@"RESPONSE BODY: %@", response.URL, body);
    DDLogInfo(@"RESPONSE: (%ld) %@", httpResponse.statusCode, response.URL);
#endif
    // ...
}

@end
```

JSON Looks Like This

```
[{"name": "Aang", "sex": "M", "born": -12, "died": 153, "bending": ["Air", "Water", "Earth", "Fire", "Energy"], "identity": {"nationality": "Southern Air Temple", "ethnicity": "Air Nomad"}, "spouse": "Katara", "children": [{"sex": "M", "name": "Bumi"}, {"sex": "F", "name": "Kya"}, {"sex": "M", "name": "Tenzin"}]}, {"name": "Katara", "sex": "F", "born": 85, "died": null, "bending": ["Water", "Blood"], "identity": {"nationality": "Southern Water Tribe", "ethnicity": "Water Tribe"}, "spouse": "Aang", "children": [{"sex": "M", "name": "Bumi"}, {"sex": "F", "name": "Kya"}, {"sex": "M", "name": "Tenzin"}]}, {"name": "Sokka", "sex": "M", "born": 84, "died": 164, "bending": [], "identity": {"nationality": "Southern Water Tribe", "ethnicity": "Water Tribe"}, "spouse": null, "children": []}, {"name": "Toph Beifong", "sex": "F", "born": 88, "died": null, "bending": ["Earth", "Metal"], "identity": {"nationality": "Gaoling, Earth Kingdom", "ethnicity": "Earth Kingdom"}, "spouse": null, "children": [{"sex": "F", "name": "Lin Beifong"}, {"sex": "F", "name": "Suyin Beifong"}]}, {"name": "Iroh", "sex": "M", "born": null, "died": null, "bending": ["Fire", "Energy"], "identity": {"nationality": "Fire Nation Capital, Fire Nation", "ethnicity": "Fire Nation"}, "spouse": null, "children": [{"sex": "M", "name": "Lu Ten"}]}, {"name": "Zuko", "sex": "M", "born": 83, "died": null, "bending": ["Fire", "Energy"], "identity": {"nationality": "Fire Nation Capital, Fire Nation", "ethnicity": "Fire Nation"}, "spouse": null, "children": [{"sex": "F", "name": "Izumi"}]}, {"name": "Kya", "sex": "F", "born": null, "died": null, "bending": ["Water"], "identity": {"nationality": "Southern Water Tribe", "ethnicity": "Water Tribe, Air Nomad"}, "spouse": null, "children": []}, {"name": "Bumi", "sex": "M", "born": null, "died": null, "bending": ["Air"], "identity": {"nationality": "United Republic", "ethnicity": "Water Tribe, Air Nomad"}, "spouse": null, "children": []}, {"name": "Tenzin", "sex": "M", "born": null, "died": null, "bending": ["Air"], "identity": {"nationality": "Republic City, United Republic", "ethnicity": "Water Tribe, Air Nomad"}, "spouse": null, "children": [{"sex": "F", "name": "Jinora"}]}, {"name": "F", "name": "Ikki", "sex": "M", "born": null, "died": null, "bending": ["Earth", "Metal"], "identity": {"nationality": "Republic City, United Republic", "ethnicity": "Earth Kingdom"}, "spouse": null, "children": []}, {"name": "Meelo", "sex": "M", "name": "Rohan", "sex": "M", "born": 120, "died": null, "bending": ["Earth", "Metal"], "identity": {"nationality": "Republic City, United Republic", "ethnicity": "Earth Kingdom"}, "spouse": null, "children": []}, {"name": "Lin Beifong", "sex": "F", "born": 120, "died": null, "bending": ["Earth", "Metal"], "identity": {"nationality": "Republic City, United Republic", "ethnicity": "Earth Kingdom"}, "spouse": null, "children": [{"name": "Suyin Beifong", "sex": "F", "born": 126, "died": null, "bending": ["Earth", "Metal"], "identity": {"nationality": "Republic City, United Republic", "ethnicity": "Earth Kingdom"}, "spouse": null, "children": [{"sex": "M", "name": "Bataar Jr."}, {"sex": "F", "name": "Opal"}]}, {"name": "Wei", "sex": "M", "name": "Wing", "sex": "M", "name": "Huan"}]}]]
```

jq

**Lightweight & Flexible Command-Line
JSON Processor.**

<https://stedolan.github.io/jq/>

Pretty Printing

```
$ echo '[{"a": 1}, {"b": 2}]' | jq .
[
  {
    "a": 1
  },
  {
    "b": 2
  }
]
```

If you remember only one thing about jq, let it be this, the '`.`' filter.

Filters

- All jq programs are filters
- A filter takes in input & produces output
 - **1** is the simplest filter: return 1
 - **.** is the simplest useful filter: pretty print

Object Value Filter

```
$ echo '{"a": 1, "b": 2, "c":3}' | jq .c  
3  
$
```

Arrays

```
$ echo '[ "a", "b", "c", "d", "e"]' | jq '.[2]'  
"c"  
$ echo '[ "a", "b", "c", "d", "e"]' | jq '.[1:4]'  
[  
  "b",  
  "c",  
  "d"  
]  
$
```

Iterators

Read [] as foreach

```
$ echo '["a", "b", "c", "d", "e"]' | jq '.[]'  
"a"  
"b"  
"c"  
"d"  
"e"  
$
```

Read .[] as iterating with an identity filter

Addition

```
$ echo '["a", "b", "c", "d", "e"]' | jq '.[] + " hello"'  
"a hello"  
"b hello"  
"c hello"  
"d hello"  
"e hello"  
$
```

Addition

```
$ echo '["a", "b", "c", "d", "e"]' | jq '"hey "+ .[]+" hello"'  
"hey a hello"  
"hey b hello"  
"hey c hello"  
"hey d hello"  
"hey e hello"  
$
```

Addition

```
$ echo '[1,2,3,4,5]' | jq '.[]+10'  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
$
```

Collecting Results Into an Array

```
$ echo '[1,2]' | jq '.[]+10'  
11  
12  
$ echo '[1,2]' | jq '[.[]+10]'  
[  
 11,  
 12  
]
```

**filters can be
piped with |**

Creating Objects

```
$ echo '[{"a": 1, "b": 2, "c": 3}, {"a": 10, "b": 20, "c": 30}]' | jq '.[]'  
{  
  "a": 1,  
  "b": 2,  
  "c": 3  
}  
{  
  "a": 10,  
  "b": 20,  
  "c": 30  
}  
$
```

Creating Objects

```
$ echo '[{"a": 1, "b": 2, "c": 3}, {"a": 10, "b": 20, "c": 30}]' | jq '.[] | {a, c}'  
{  
  "a": 1,  
  "c": 3  
}  
{  
  "a": 10,  
  "c": 30  
}$
```

If you remember only 2 things about jq, let this be the second: extracting just the keys you care about.

Creating Objects

```
$ echo '[{"fn": "Ann", "ln": "Smith"}, {"fn": "Ted", "ln": "Jones"}] ' \  
 \ | jq '.[] | {"first": .fn, "last": .ln}'  
{  
  "first": "Ann",  
  "last": "Smith"  
}  
{  
  "first": "Ted",  
  "last": "Jones"  
}  
$
```

Creating Objects

```
$ echo '[{"fn": "Ann", "ln": "Smith"}, {"fn": "Ted", "ln": "Jones"}]' \
\ | jq '.[] | {(.fn): .ln}'
{
  "Ann": "Smith"
}
{
  "Ted": "Jones"
}
$
```

Functions

keys

```
$ echo '[{"a": 1, "b": 2, "c": 3}, {"a": 10, "b": 20, "c": 30}]' | jq '.[]|keys'  
[  
  "a",  
  "b",  
  "c"  
]  
[  
  "a",  
  "b",  
  "c"  
]  
$
```

If you remember only 3 things about jq, let this be the third: examining keys.

Functions

length

```
$ echo '[{"a": 1, "b": 2, "c": 3}, {"a": 10, "b": 20, "c": 30}]' | jq '.[]|length'  
3  
3  
$
```

Functions

map

```
$ echo '[1,2,3,4,5]' | jq 'map(.+10)'  
[  
 11,  
 12,  
 13,  
 14,  
 15  
]
```

map(x) is equivalent to [.[] | x]

Addition

```
$ echo '[1,2,3,4,5]' | jq '.[]+10'  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
$
```

Addition

```
$ echo '[1,2,3,4,5]' | jq '[.[]+10]'  
[  
 11,  
 12,  
 13,  
 14,  
 15  
]  
$
```

Functions

map

```
$ echo '[1,2,3,4,5]' | jq 'map(.+10)'  
[  
 11,  
 12,  
 13,  
 14,  
 15  
]
```

Functions

reduce

```
$ echo '[1,2,3,4,5]' | jq 'reduce .[] as $i (0 ; . + $i)'  
15  
$
```

Somewhat equivalent to:

```
$i = 0
for var in .[] {
    $i = $var + $i
}
```

More Functions

- has("foo")
- in({"a": "b"})
- echo '[1,2,3]' | jq 'map(.+2)' # [3,4,5]
- select(func) - like grep where func is true
- ... and a whole lot more

Detailed Examples With Real Data

Sample JSON Body (sample.json)

```
[{"name": "Aang", "sex": "M", "born": -12, "died": 153, "bending": ["Air", "Water", "Earth", "Fire", "Energy"], "identity": {"nationality": "Southern Air Temple", "ethnicity": "Air Nomad"}, "spouse": "Katara", "children": [{"sex": "M", "name": "Bumi"}, {"sex": "F", "name": "Kya"}, {"sex": "M", "name": "Tenzin"}]}, {"name": "Katara", "sex": "F", "born": 85, "died": null, "bending": ["Water", "Blood"], "identity": {"nationality": "Southern Water Tribe", "ethnicity": "Water Tribe"}, "spouse": "Aang", "children": [{"sex": "M", "name": "Bumi"}, {"sex": "F", "name": "Kya"}, {"sex": "M", "name": "Tenzin"}]}, {"name": "Sokka", "sex": "M", "born": 84, "died": 164, "bending": [], "identity": {"nationality": "Southern Water Tribe", "ethnicity": "Water Tribe"}, "spouse": null, "children": []}, {"name": "Toph Beifong", "sex": "F", "born": 88, "died": null, "bending": ["Earth", "Metal"], "identity": {"nationality": "Gaoling, Earth Kingdom", "ethnicity": "Earth Kingdom"}, "spouse": null, "children": [{"sex": "F", "name": "Lin Beifong"}, {"sex": "F", "name": "Suyin Beifong"}]}, {"name": "Iroh", "sex": "M", "born": null, "died": null, "bending": ["Fire", "Energy"], "identity": {"nationality": "Fire Nation Capital, Fire Nation", "ethnicity": "Fire Nation"}, "spouse": null, "children": [{"sex": "M", "name": "Lu Ten"}]}, {"name": "Zuko", "sex": "M", "born": 83, "died": null, "bending": ["Fire", "Energy"], "identity": {"nationality": "Fire Nation Capital, Fire Nation", "ethnicity": "Fire Nation"}, "spouse": null, "children": [{"sex": "F", "name": "Izumi"}]}, {"name": "Kya", "sex": "F", "born": null, "died": null, "bending": ["Water"], "identity": {"nationality": "Southern Water Tribe", "ethnicity": "Water Tribe, Air Nomad"}, "spouse": null, "children": []}, {"name": "Bumi", "sex": "M", "born": null, "died": null, "bending": ["Air"], "identity": {"nationality": "United Republic", "ethnicity": "Water Tribe, Air Nomad"}, "spouse": null, "children": []}, {"name": "Tenzin", "sex": "M", "born": null, "died": null, "bending": ["Air"], "identity": {"nationality": "Republic City, United Republic", "ethnicity": "Water Tribe, Air Nomad"}, "spouse": null, "children": [{"sex": "F", "name": "Jinora"}]}, {"name": "F", "name": "Ikki", "sex": "M", "born": null, "died": null, "bending": ["Earth", "Metal"], "identity": {"nationality": "Republic City, United Republic", "ethnicity": "Earth Kingdom"}, "spouse": null, "children": []}, {"name": "Meelo", "sex": "M", "name": "Rohan", "sex": "M", "born": 120, "died": null, "bending": ["Earth", "Metal"], "identity": {"nationality": "Republic City, United Republic", "ethnicity": "Earth Kingdom"}, "spouse": null, "children": [{"name": "Suyin Beifong", "sex": "F", "born": 126, "died": null, "bending": ["Earth", "Metal"], "identity": {"nationality": "Republic City, United Republic", "ethnicity": "Earth Kingdom"}, "spouse": null, "children": [{"sex": "M", "name": "Bataar Jr."}, {"sex": "F", "name": "Opal"}, {"sex": "M", "name": "Wei"}, {"sex": "M", "name": "Wing"}, {"sex": "M", "name": "Huan"}]}]]
```

<http://aijaz.net/2016/10/25/jq/>



http://feelgraffix.com/data_images/out/28/973590-avatar-the-last-airbender.jpg

Example data of characters from the 'Avatar' series.

```
# Pretty print the jq
$ cat sample.json | jq '.'
...
{
  "sex": "M",
  "name": "Huan"
}
]
}
]
$
```

```
# The ']' on the last line tells me this is an array
# The '}' on the 2nd-last line tells me this is an array of objects

# From now on, for space reasons,
# 'cat sample.json' will be abbreviated to 'cj'
```

```
# Just show me the first object  
$ cj | jq '.[0]'
```

```
# Show me an object with the name and
# sex of the first object
$ cj | jq '.[0]|{name, sex}'
{
  "name": "Aang",
  "sex": "M"
}
$
```

```
# Show me all the keys of each object
$ cj | jq '.[]|keys'
```

...

[

```
"bending",
"born",
"children",
"died",
"identity",
"name",
"sex",
"spouse"
```

]

\$


```
# The name of each character
$ cj | jq '.[].name'
"Aang"
"Katara"
"Sokka"
"Toph Beifong"
"Iroh"
"Zuko"
"Kya"
"Bumi"
"Tenzin"
"Lin Beifong"
```

```
# The number of records
$ cj | jq '[.[]]|length'
11
$
```

```
# All female characters
$ cj | jq '.[] | select(.sex == "F")'
```

```
# The names of all female characters
# Take the resulting objects, put them in an array
# Then iterate over that array, printing the name
$ cj | jq '[.[]|select(.sex == "F")]|.[].name'
"Katara"
"Toph Beifong"
"Kya"
"Lin Beifong"
"Suyin Beifong"
$
```

```
# The name of all members of the Fire Nation
# You can drill down objects with multiple .s
# e.g.: .identity.ethnicity
$ cj | jq '[.[]|select(.identity.ethnicity == "Fire Nation")].[].name'
"Iroh"
"Zuko"
```

```
# The name and bending list of all characters who can bend Fire
# Similar to previous example: iterate, select, construct a list, iterate on that list,
# and extract the name and bending fields
$ cj | jq -c '[.[]|select(.bending[]|select(contains("Fire")))]|.[]|{name, bending}'
{"name": "Aang", "bending": ["Air", "Water", "Earth", "Fire", "Energy"]}
 {"name": "Iroh", "bending": ["Fire", "Energy"]}
 {"name": "Zuko", "bending": ["Fire", "Energy"]}
$
```

```
# Similar to previous, but make the name be the key of the object
$ cj | jq -c '[.[]|select(.bending[]|select(contains("Fire")))]|.[]|{(.name): .bending}'
{"Aang": ["Air", "Water", "Earth", "Fire", "Energy"]}
{"Iroh": ["Fire", "Energy"]}
{"Zuko": ["Fire", "Energy"]}
```

```
# Names and firstborns of each character, as hashes in an array
$ cj | jq '[.[]|{name, firstBorn: .children[0].name}]'
```

```
# How many children does each person have?  
$ cj | jq '[.[]|.name, (.children|length)]'  
[  
  {  
    "Aang": 3  
  },  
  {  
    "Katara": 3  
  },  
  ...  
  {  
    "Suyin Beifong": 5  
  }  
]  
$
```

```
# List of each person, along with the number of their children
# Essentially, merging the array of objects from the previous example into 1 big object
$ cj | jq '[.[]|{.name, (.children|length)}] | reduce .[] as $i ([]; . + {($i[0]): $i[1]} )'
{
  "Aang": 3,
  "Katara": 3,
  "Sokka": 0,
  "Toph Beifong": 2,
  "Iroh": 1,
  "Zuko": 1,
  "Kya": 0,
  "Bumi": 0,
  "Tenzin": 4,
  "Lin Beifong": 0,
  "Suyin Beifong": 5
}
$
```

```
# Take the object matrix from two slides ago, and transpose it
$ cj | jq '[.[]|{.name, (.children|length)}] | transpose'
[
  [
    "Aang",
    "Katara",
    "Sokka",
    "Toph Beifong",
    ...
    "Suyin Beifong"
  ],
  [
    3,
    3,
    0,
    2,
    ...
    5
  ]
]
$
```

Three Most Useful Filters

```
'.'          # Pretty print  
'.[[]|{a, b}' # Extract just the a and b keys from each object  
'.[[]|keys'   # Display the keys of each object in the array
```

Honorable Mention

```
'[.[]|select(C)]' # Return an array of only those objects where condition C is true
```

Resources

- jq: <https://stedolan.github.io/jq/>
- jq manual: <https://stedolan.github.io/jq/manual/>
- Sample JSON file: <http://aijaz.net/2016/10/25/jq/>

thanks!