OpenRefine Parsing JSON follow-up

As a reminder, during our lesson we worked with JSON that we pulled from the CrossRef API (http://api.crossref.org/journals/). We used the Journal ISSNs in our data (in the "ISSNs" column) as unique identifiers for our queries to CrossRef (e.g. http://api.crossref.org/journals/1099-4300).

In response to our queries, CrossRef provided us with journal information in the JSON format ("property": "value"). Here's a formatted and abbreviated snippet of the JSON we worked with in one of our cells:

```
{
    "status": "ok",
    "message-type": "journal",
    "message-version": "1.0.0",
    "message":
        "title": "Entropy",
        "subjects":
        {
                 "name": "General Physics and Astronomy",
                 "ASJC": 3100
            }
        ],
        "issn-type":
            {
                 "value": "1099-4300",
                 "type": "electronic"
            }
        ]
    }
}
```

When we wanted to parse our JSON in order to pull out the journal title, we used the Edit column > Add column based on this column menu option, and then the following GREL expression:

```
value.parseJson().message.title
```

This worked to give us the values of the JSON property "message" and then the value of the child property "title". In this example, "Entropy".

Here, I'd like to mention how we can handle JSON properties with dashes ("-") in them, e.g. "message-type". In the example we had during our lesson, I tried to get the value of "message-type" and was unsuccessful with the following GREL expressions:

value.parseJson().message-type
and
value.parseJson()."message-type"

Unfortunately, parsing JSON properties containing dashes requires slightly different syntax. Side note: If you do write JSON, please use underscores for your properties, e.g. "message_type". However, if you encounter dashes in JSON properties, the workaround is to use the following syntax for your OpenRefine GREL, brackets and quotes:

value.parseJson()["message-type"]

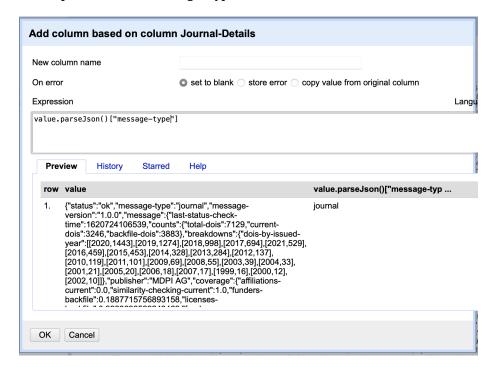


Figure 1: OpenRefine Screenshot