

Johnzon - Apache's Upcoming JSON Library

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About the Apache Incubator

"The Incubator project is the entry path into The Apache Software Foundation (ASF) for projects and codebases wishing to become part of the Foundation's efforts." (<http://incubator.apache.org/>)

The Apache Incubator has two primary goals:

- Ensure all donations are in accordance with the ASF legal standards
- Develop new communities that adhere to our guiding principles

What is Johnzon?

- Lightweight JSON library written in Java
- Core < 90k, 200k for the whole library
- No external dependencies
- Implementation of JSR-353
- Apache 2 License



What is Johnzon? (cont.)

- Contains also modules which are not defined in JSR-353
 - Object mapper
 - JAX-RS provider
 - Websocket (JSR-356) integration (beta)
 - JSON DSL for mutating documents comfortably (beta)

Status of the project

- Small but engaged, responsive and friendly community
- Stable and production ready
- Performance for Johnzon core is quite well
- Currently incubating within the Apache Incubator
 - and looking for new community members
 - low entrance barrier
- Plan is to graduate soon (start this year)

Roadmap

- Implement JSR-367 (API for JSON Binding/JSON-B)
- Implement JSR-374 (Update of JSR-353)
- Performance enhancements
- Increase test coverage
- JEE certification (once TCK available)

Current users of Johnzon

- Apache TomEE 2
- Apache Tamaya
- Apache Decanter

JSR

The spec part

What is a JSR

- JSR → Java Specification Request
- A formal standardization process
- Community involved
- Controlled by Oracle within the Java community process (JCP)

JSR-353 Basics

- Can be used standalone or within a JEE container
- Provides a streaming API as well as a "Tree Model" API for parsing
- Generator API for generating valid JSON streams

Streaming API

- Pull parser, parse JSON files of any size
- Encoding autodetection

```
JsonParser parser = Json.createParser(new FileReader("file.json"));
while(parser.hasNext() {
    Event event = parser.next();
    if(event == Event.VALUE_STRING) {
        System.out.println(parser.getString());
    }
}
```

Encoding autodetection

- RFC 4627 Chapter 3
- "JSON text SHALL be encoded in Unicode"
- First two character are always ASCII
- So we can use this matrix to detect encoding:

```
00 00 00 xx UTF-32BE
00 xx 00 xx UTF-16BE
xx 00 00 00 UTF-32LE
xx 00 xx 00 UTF-16LE
xx xx xx xx UTF-8
```

(Johnzon does also handle octet-streams with BOM's correctly)

"Tree Model" API

- Parse JSON to immutable object tree
- Caution: All in-memory

```
JsonReader reader = Json.createReader(new StringReader("[]"));  
JsonArray array = reader.readArray();  
System.out.println(array.isEmpty());  
System.out.println(array.get(0));  
jsonReader.close();
```

Generator API

- Write JSON "value by value" into a byte/char stream

```
Writer writer = ...;
JsonGenerator generator = Json.createGenerator(writer);
generator
    .writeStartObject()
    .write("firstName", "Mister")
    .write("lastName", "Spock")
    .write("age", 99)
    .writeStartObject("address")
    .write("streetAddress", "Kolinahr Street 1")
    .write("city", "Vulcan City")
    .write("state", "VU")
    .write("postalCode", "1701")
    .writeEnd()
    .writeEnd();
generator.close();
```

Writer API

- Write the "Tree Model" back into a byte/char stream

```
OutputStream out = ...;  
JsonObject jo = ...;  
JsonWriter jsonWriter = Json.createWriter(out);  
jsonWriter.writeObject(jo);  
jsonWriter.close();
```

Configuration

- Key-Value based
- Implementation dependent
- Via factories

```
final JsonReader reader = Json.createReaderFactory(new HashMap<String, Object>() {  
    put("org.apache.johnzon.supports-comments", true);  
}).createReader(...);  
JsonParser generator = Json.createGeneratorFactory();  
JsonGenerator generator = Json.createGeneratorFactory();
```


Johnzon **non** JSR-353 Features

- Comments (single line/multiline)
- Configurable buffer sizes
- Different buffer reuse strategies
 - QUEUE - char[] are reused by ConcurrentLinkedQueue (default)
 - BY_INSTANCE - char[] are not reused
 - SINGLETON - char[] are reused by only one global char[]
 - THREAD_LOCAL - char[] are reused by thread (every thread does have its char[] buffer bound to a thread local)

The "Mapper"

- JSON \leftrightarrow Java Binding
- Used by JAX RS provider/Websocket module
- Supports
 - Custom de-/serializers
 - Proper handling of collections and generics
 - @JohnzonConverter and @JohnzonIgnore annotations
 - Works with fields, getter/setter or both
 - Configurable null/empty handling
 - Configurable byte[] handling

The "Mapper" (cont.)

```
final static Mapper mapper = new MapperBuilder().build();  
MyObject myObj = ...;  
mapper.writeObject(myObj, outputStream);  
MyObject myObj2 = mapper.readObject(inputStream, MyObject.class);
```

(Yet some missing default datatypes for Java SE 8 like java.time.*)

The "Mapper" (cont.)

- Works mostly hassle free
- Will be aligned with JSON-B Spec (JSR-367)
- Need some performance tuning

JAX-RS Provider

```
<Service id="johnzon"  
  class-name="org.apache.johnzon.jaxrs.ConfigurableJohnzonProvider">  
  ignores = com.foo.MyType,com.foo.MyOtherType  
  accessMode = method  
  supportHiddenAccess = true  
  doCloseOnStreams = false  
  version = 2  
  skipNull = true  
  skipEmptyArray = true  
</Service>
```

Websockets

- Since Johnzon 0.8 there is a Websocket/JSR-356 integration
- JSON as payload format for WebSocket messages
- <https://rmannibucau.wordpress.com/2015/03/24/json-and-websocket-johnzon-to-the-rescue/>

Websockets (cont.)

Server

```
@ServerEndpoint(value = "/server", encoders = JohnzonTextEncoder.class,  
                decoders = JohnzonTextDecoder.class)  
public class MyServerEndpoint {  
    // same as before  
}
```

Client

```
public class MessageDecoder extends JohnzonTextDecoder {  
    public MessageDecoder() {  
        super(Message.class);  
    }  
}  
// and used like:  
@ClientEndpoint(encoders = JohnzonTextEncoder.class, decoders = MessageDecoder.class)  
public class ClientEndpointImpl {  
    // ...  
}
```


Johnzon DSL

- Upcoming with Johnzon 2
- Mutable and navigable JSON Structure
- Fluent API

Johnzon DSL (cont.)

- Looks like:

```
JsonObject jo = ...;
MutableJsonStructure ms = MutableJsonStructureFactory.toMutableJsonStructure(jo);
assertNotSame(ms, ms.copy());
assertFalse(ms.isLeaf("address"));
assertFalse(ms.isLeafNull("firstName"));
assertTrue(ms.exists("phoneNumber"));
assertEquals(1, ms.get("phoneNumber").get(1).getAncestor().getIndex());
assertNull(ms.getParent());
assertEquals("Smith", ms.getLeafAsString("lastName"));
assertEquals("NY", ms.get("address").getLeafAsString("state"));
assertEquals(5, ms.getKeys().size());
assertEquals(5, ms.size());
assertEquals(4, ms.get("address").size());
ms.add("additionalAddress", ms.get("address").copy().remove("city").set("state", "CA"));
ms.set(ms.copy().remove("phoneNumber"));
assertEquals(5, ms.size());
JsonObject modJo = (JsonObject) ms.toJsonStructure();
```

Benchmark

- JMH based benchmark suite
- Bytes, Chars (UTF-8/UTF-16)
- Measurements
 - Parse Only
 - Read to "Tree Model"
 - Generate JSON
 - Serialize
 - Deserialize

Benchmark (cont.)

- Small size JSON



Benchmark (cont.)

- Medium size JSON (byte stream)



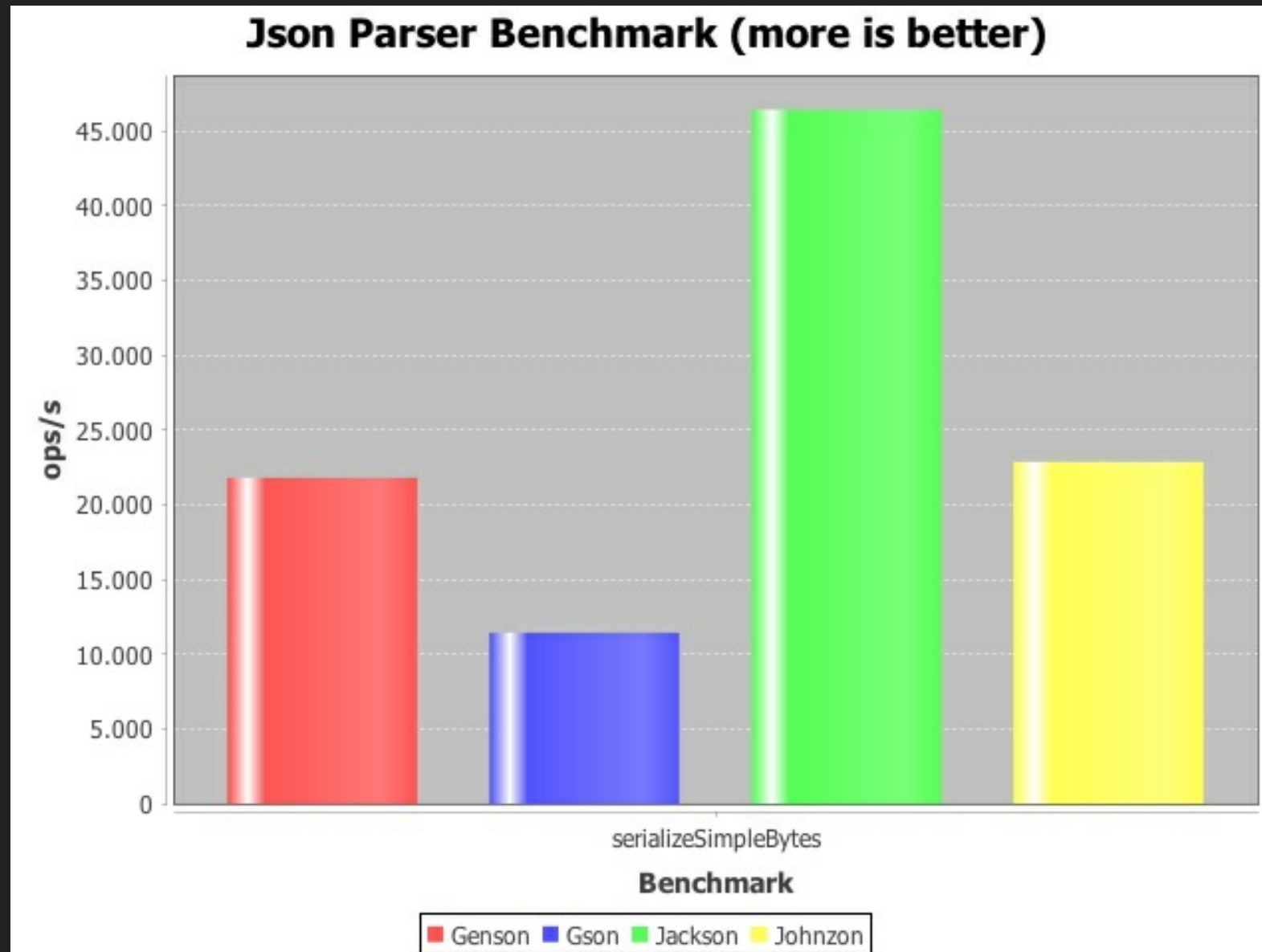
Benchmark (cont.)

- Medium size JSON (character stream)



Benchmark (cont.)

- Serialize simple Java Object



Testcoverage

- Approx. 74% testcoverage yet
- We want to get above 90%
- <https://coveralls.io/github/salyh/incubator-johnzon>

Upcoming

The new JSON JSR Specs

JSR-374 (JSON-P 1.1)

- RFC 7159 (update of RFC 4627)
- Java SE 8
- Json Pointer (RFC 6901)
- Json Patch (RFC 6902)
- Json Merge Patch (RFC 7396)
- Mutable "Tree Model"
- Currently EDR (Early draft review)

JSR-367 (JSON-B 1.0)

- Java standard for JSON \leftrightarrow Java Binding
- Java SE 8
- Integrates with JSR-353/374
- Currently EDR (Early draft review)

JSR-367 (JSON-B 1.0) (cont.)

```
Jsonb jsonb = JsonbBuilder.create();  
Book book = jsonb.fromJson(new File("jsonfile.json"), Book.class);
```


Get it

from maven central

```
<dependency>  
  <groupId>org.apache.johnzon</groupId>  
  <artifactId>johnzon-core</artifactId>  
  <version>0.9.1-incubating</version>  
</dependency>  
  
<dependency>  
  <groupId>org.apache.geronimo.specs</groupId>  
  <artifactId>geronimo-json_1.0_spec</artifactId>  
  <version>1.0-alpha-1</version>  
  <scope>provided</scope> <!-- or compile if your environment doesn't provide it -->  
</dependency>
```

or download from <http://www.eu.apache.org/dist/incubator/johnzon/>

Where to go from here

- <http://incubator.apache.org/projects/johnzon.html>
- Subscribe to the dev mailing list
- <https://github.com/salyh/jsr353-benchmark>
- https://github.com/apache/incubator-johnzon/tree/jsr374_367
- <https://www.jcp.org/en/jsr/detail?id=353>
- <https://www.jcp.org/en/jsr/detail?id=374>
- <https://www.jcp.org/en/jsr/detail?id=367>

Consider to join the project if you are

- a (Java) developer looking to get involved within ASF
- interested in implementing standards
- doing JSON the whole day
- looking for a great community to engage with

Github

- <https://github.com/apache/incubator-johnzon>
- We accept Pull Requests

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