

UCAR JSON-LD back-end validator and GUI installation instructions 2019-04-30

The UCAR JSON-LD generator has three parts

- 1) The splash screen. Static html and css
- 2) The React UI. This works off of schema files to generate a UI.
- 3) The back-end Validator. This uses Node to run.

All of these run off of a Node web server. Assuming you want to run this securely, you'll need to install keys and certificates so you can run https instead of http.

The installation instructions below assume a CentOS 7 or Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 system. They've been tested with versions 7.1 and 7.5

NODE.js

- [Instructions and Binaries](#)
- For example for CentOS7 run the following as root:
 - `curl -sL https://rpm.nodesource.com/setup_10.x | bash -`

Centos Prep

- You shouldn't need SELinux; so you can disable as root:
 - `setenforce 0`
 - Edit `/etc/selinux/config`
 - `SELINUX=disabled`
- Make sure you're using the latest https as root
 - `yum update -y nss curl libcurl`
- Install Epel repository as root
 - `yum -y install epel-release`
 - If you have them, solve "cannot retrieve metalink" issue editing `/etc/yum.repos.d/epel.repo` and `/etc/yum.repos.d/epel-testing.repo` files, commenting all entries starting with `mirrorlist=...` and uncommenting all the entries starting with `baseurl=...` but this should be avoided by the yum update command above
- `yum groupinstall 'Development Tools'`
- `curl -sL https://rpm.nodesource.com/setup_10.x | bash -`
- `sudo yum install -y nodejs`

Test node

- `node`
- Should show `>`
- Enter `1+1`
- Should show `2`
- Enter `process.version`
- Should show `v10.*.*`

- Enter `process.exit()` to quit

Initialize Backend (run as root)

- `cd /var`
- `git clone https://github.com/earthcubearchitecture-project418gui/server/jsonld-ucar-isti`
- `cd /var/jsonld-ucar-isti`
- `npm install`
- Modify `node.jsonld.service` and put here the name of your server SSL certificates. You can also change other parameters here, e.g. if you want to use somewhere besides `/var/www` for your document root. (`ExecStart`, `Environment=NODE_CERT`, `Environment=NODE_KEY` and `WorkingDirectory`)
 - If you don't have a certificate and want to run with http right now, append `--unsecure` to the end of the `ExecStart` line, e.g.:
 - `ExecStart=/usr/bin/node /var/jsonld-ucar-isti/src/back/web.js --unsecure`
 This will ignore `CERT` and `KEY` and `PORT` lines and will start up at port 8080
- `cp node.jsonld.service /etc/systemd/system`
- `systemctl start node.jsonld.service`
- `systemctl enable node.jsonld.service`
- `systemctl status node.jsonld.service`
 - If this doesn't show "active (running)" after a few minutes, troubleshoot your `/etc/systemd/system/node.jsonld.service`
- If you're running at port 8081 (`--unsecure`) or via SSL at 443, you may need to open a port to access externally. As root for example:
 - `firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=public --add-port=8081/tcp`
 - `firewall-cmd --reload`

To inspect Backend systemd log

- `journalctl -u node.jsonld`

In case of failure:

- **# Remove service**
 - `systemctl stop node.jsonld.service`
 - `systemctl disable node.jsonld.service`
 - `rm /etc/systemd/system/node.jsonld.service`
- To enable verbose logging (log input JSON to file, on parse fail)

- Pass '--debug' to program. This is the default of node.jsonld.service (End of line 5)

To Build React frontend (recommend building on local machine)

- As root:
 - npm install parcel -g
- As a regular user:
 - git clone https://github.com/earthcubearchitecture-project418gui/client
 - cd client
 - npm install
 - npx patch-package
 - npm run build
- As root:
 - mkdir /var/www
 - Copy contents of dist/ to a folder on server /var/www/ to deploy the interactive UI
 - cp dist/* /var/www
 - Copy the splash directory to get the splash screen
 - cp -r splash /var/www

You should now be able to go to

<http://yourserver.com/splash> or
<https://yourserver.com/splash>

You'll see the splash screen, and then clicking the links will get you to the React UI, which will run the back end validator as needed.

CUSTOMIZATION

- In the client repository, you can find and change example URLs here: sets/schema/schemas.js
- If you change the splash screen or location of the back-end validator, you can edit app.jsx
- If you make changes, you need to run "npm run build" and then copy the contents of the dist directory to the docroot again.
- You can edit the splash screen index.html and corresponding css with a text editor, you don't need to do npm for them.