# JSON at Work: Search and Transform

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#### About Me...















#### What's The Point?

JSON Search and Transform ...

Simplify interaction with RESTful APIs

### Our Agenda

Overview

JSON Search

JSON Transform

### We're Not Covering (:-

REST

Deep JS

Other Languages

#### Examples and Slides...

https://github.com/tmarrs/presentations/tree/master/JSON-at-Work-Search-and-Transform

#### Where Are We?

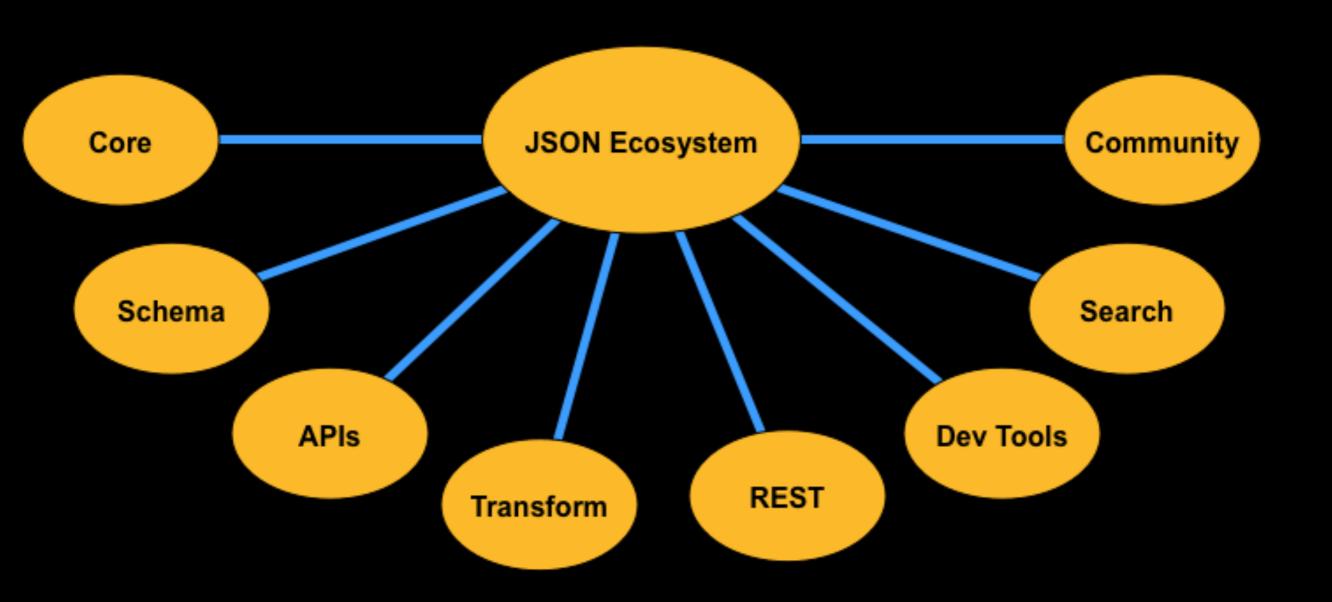
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### JSON Ecosystem

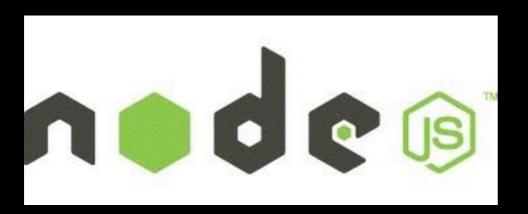


### A Long Time Ago ...

Algorithms + Data Structures = Programs

- Nicklaus Wirth

#### Our Client Stack



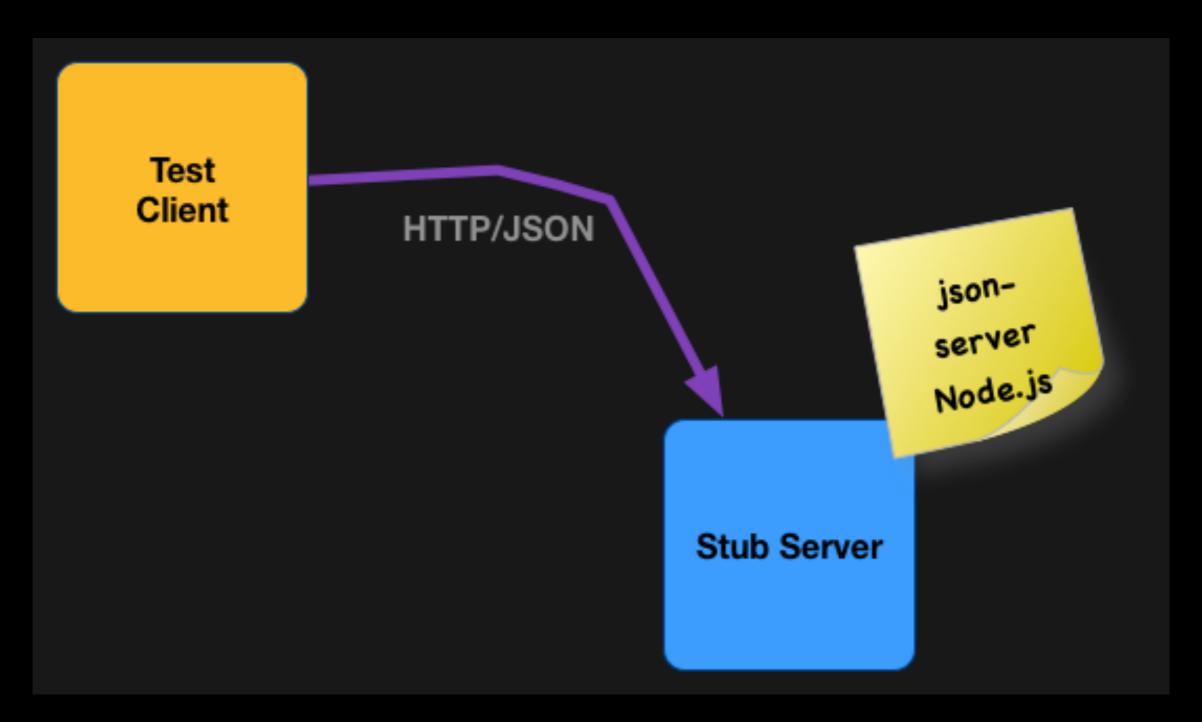




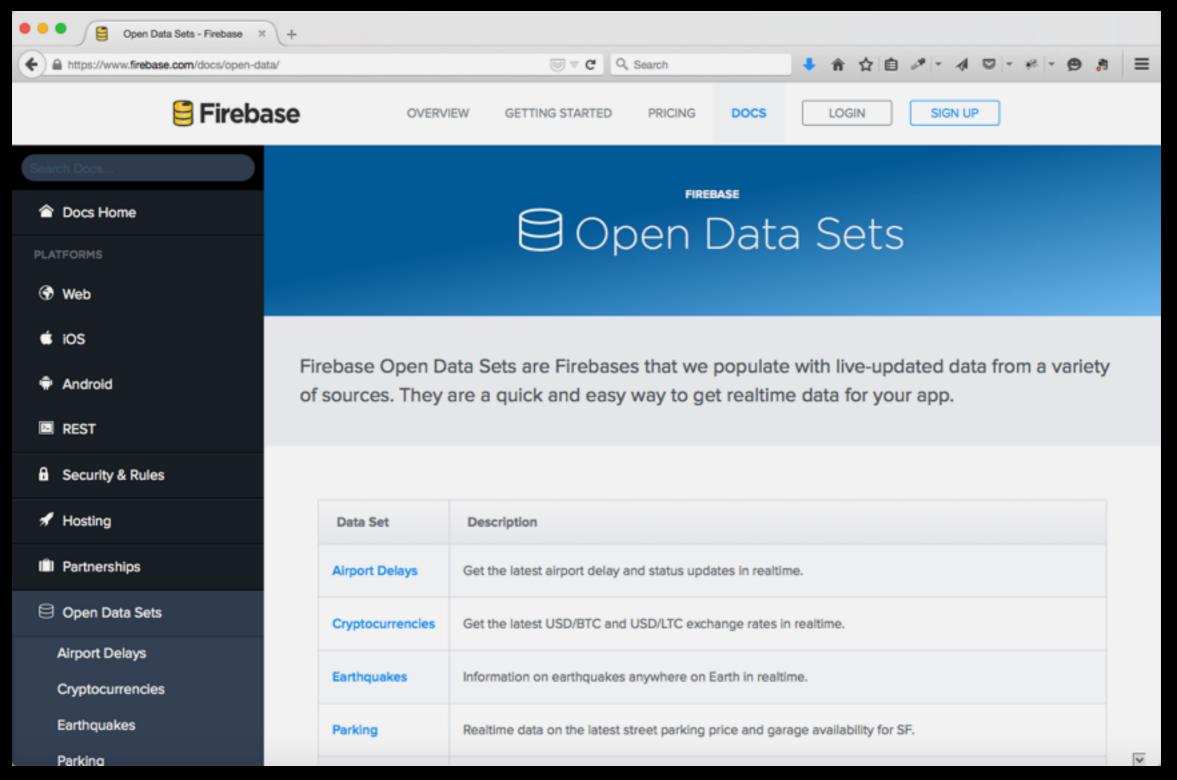




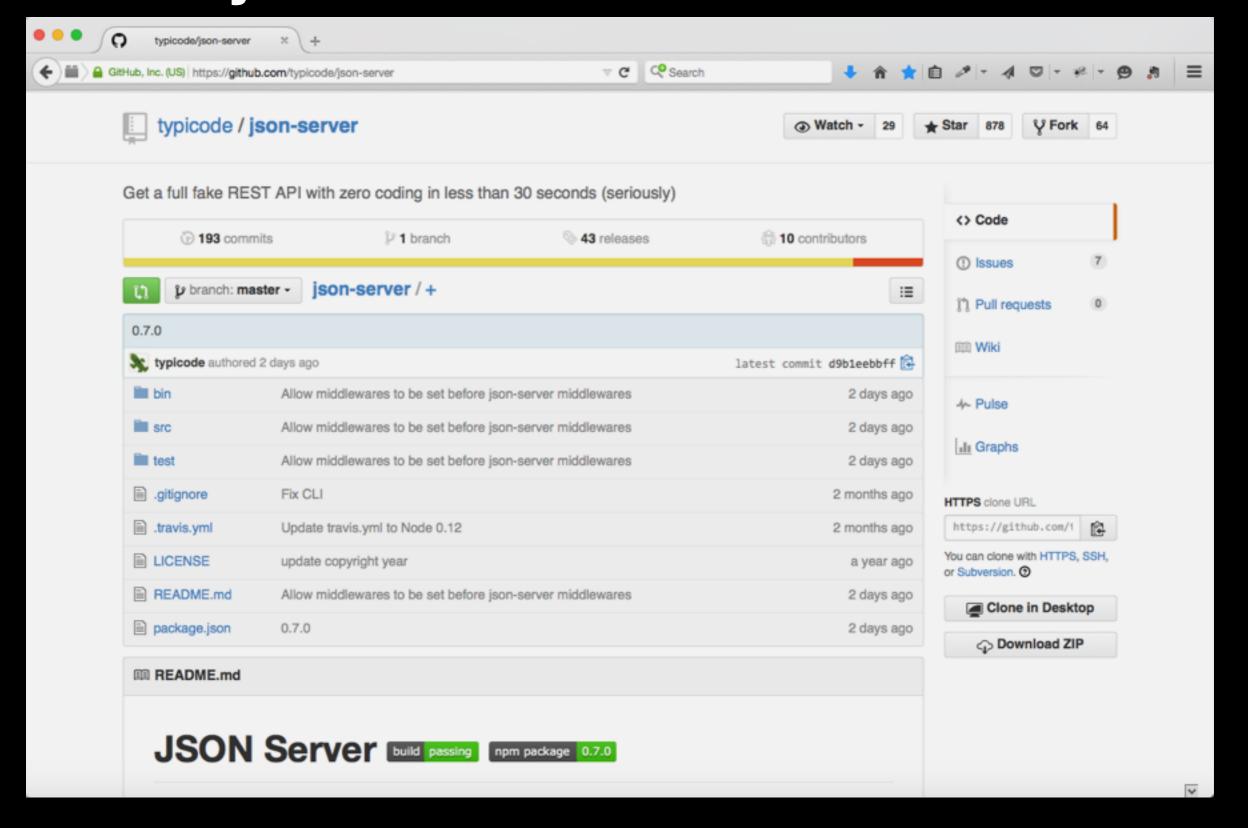
#### Our Architecture



#### Firebase Open Data Set



#### json-server on GH



#### Install and Run...

```
$ npm install -g json-server
$ json-server -p ./airports.json
```

#### Our Stub Server

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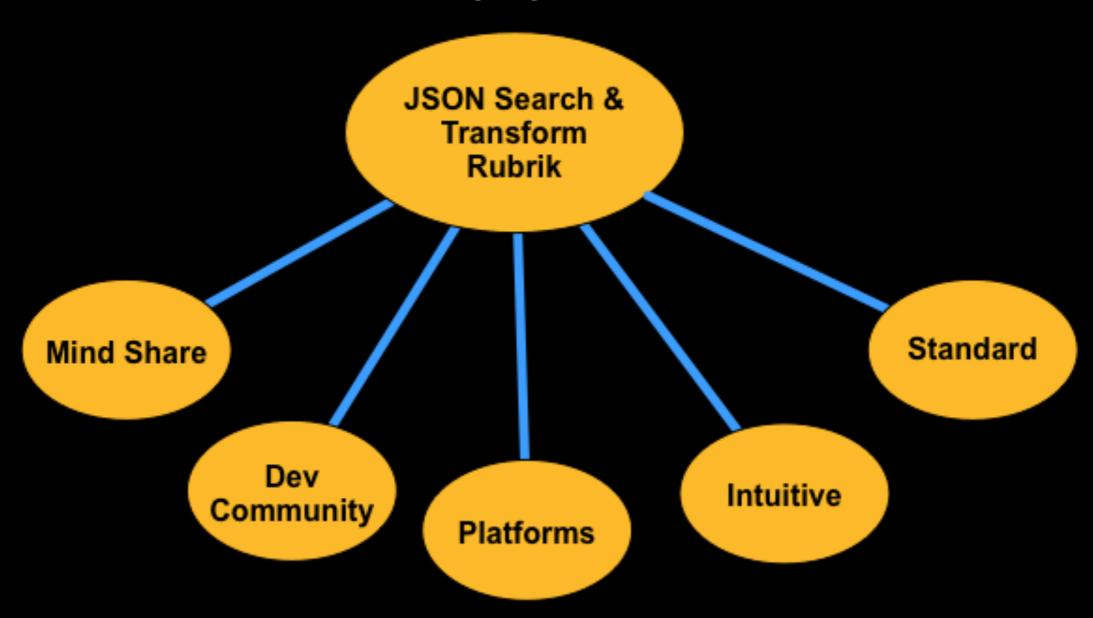
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     IATA: "ATL",
     ICAO: "KATL",
     city: "Atlanta",
     delay: true,
     name: "The William B Hartsfield International",
      state: "Georgia",

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         avgDelay: "",
         closureBegin: "",
         closureEnd: "",
         endTime: ""
        maxDelay: "30 minutes",
         minDelay: "16 minutes",
         reason: "WX:Wind",
         trend: "Increasing",
         type: "Arrival"
   - weather: {
         temp: "68.0 F (20.0 C)",
         visibility: 9,
         weather: "Light Rain",
         wind: "South at 12.7mph"
     id: 2,
     IATA: "BNA",
     ICAO: "KBNA",
     city: "Nashville",
     delay: false,
     name: "Nashville International",
     state: "Tennessee",

▼ status: {
         avgDelay: "",
         closureBegin: "",
         closureEnd: "",
         endTime: ""
        maxDelay: "
         reason: "No known delays for this airport.",
         trend: "",
         type: ""
   - weather: {
         temp: "69.0 F (20.6 C)",
         visibility: 4,
         weather: "Thunderstorm Light Rain Fog/Mist",
```

## JSON Search & Transform Rubrik



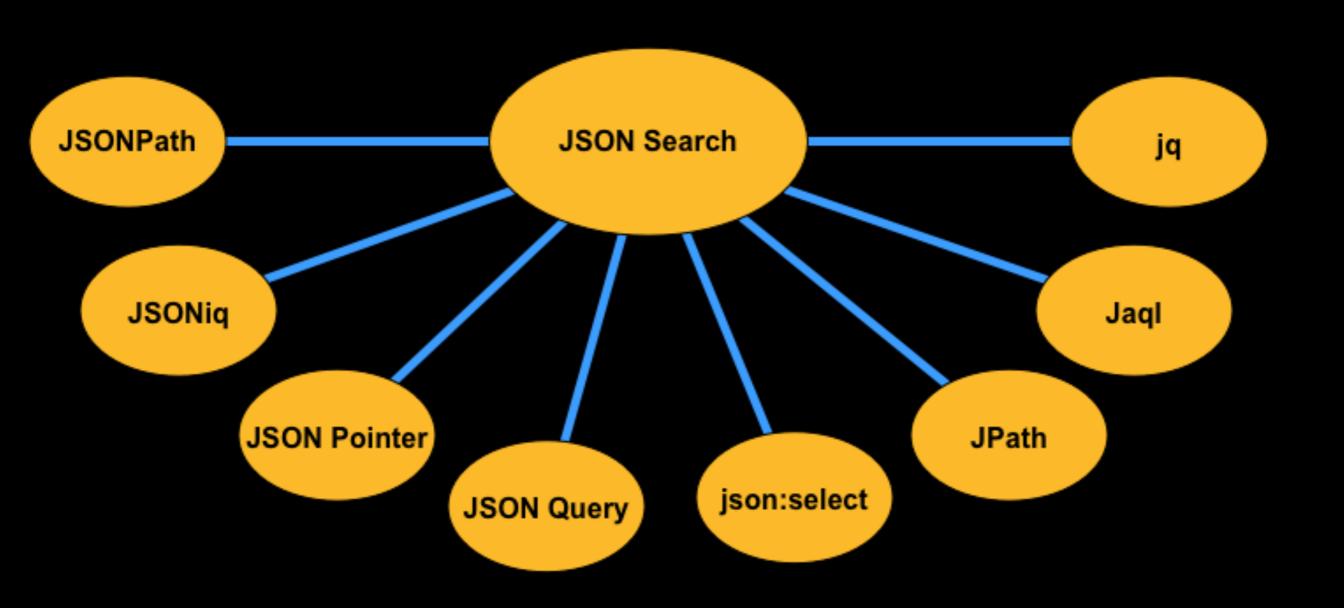
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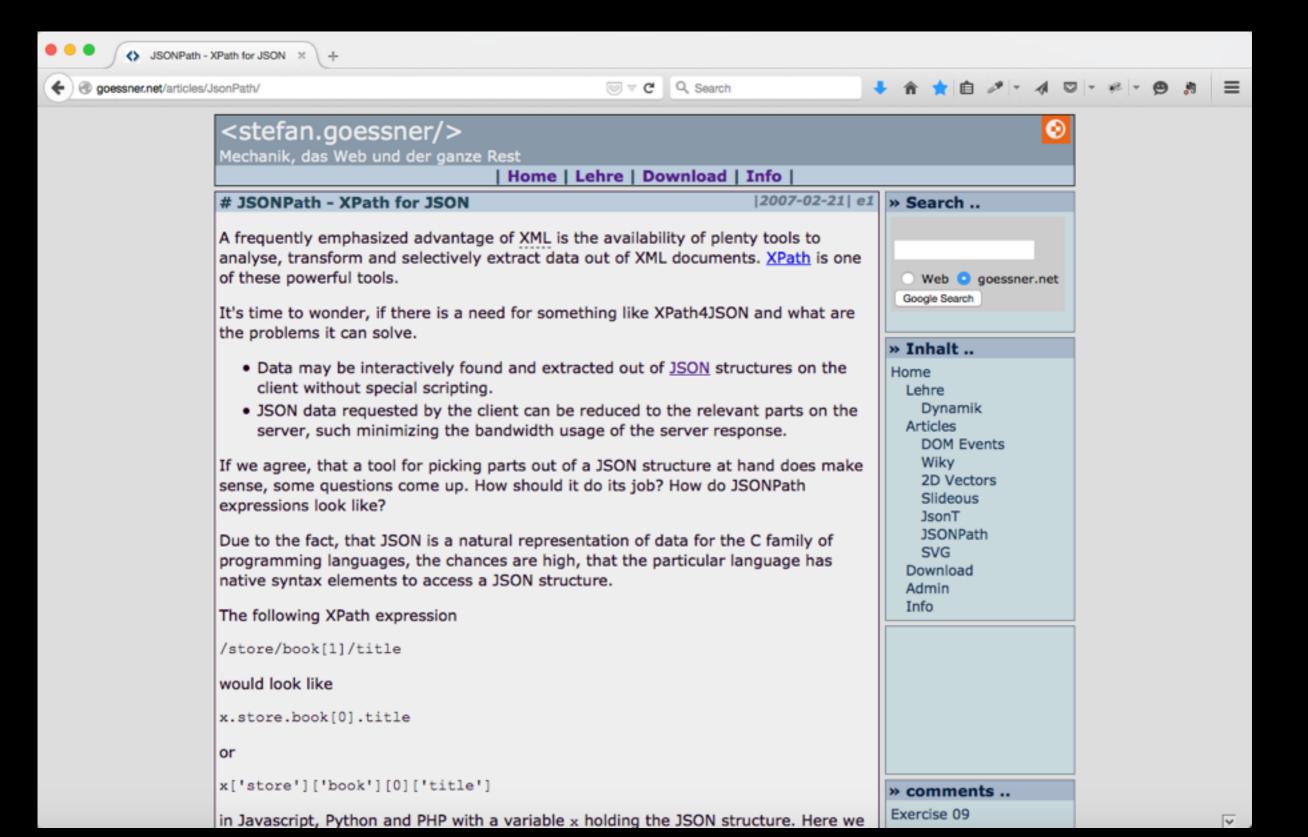
**JSON Search** 

JSON Transform

#### JSON Search



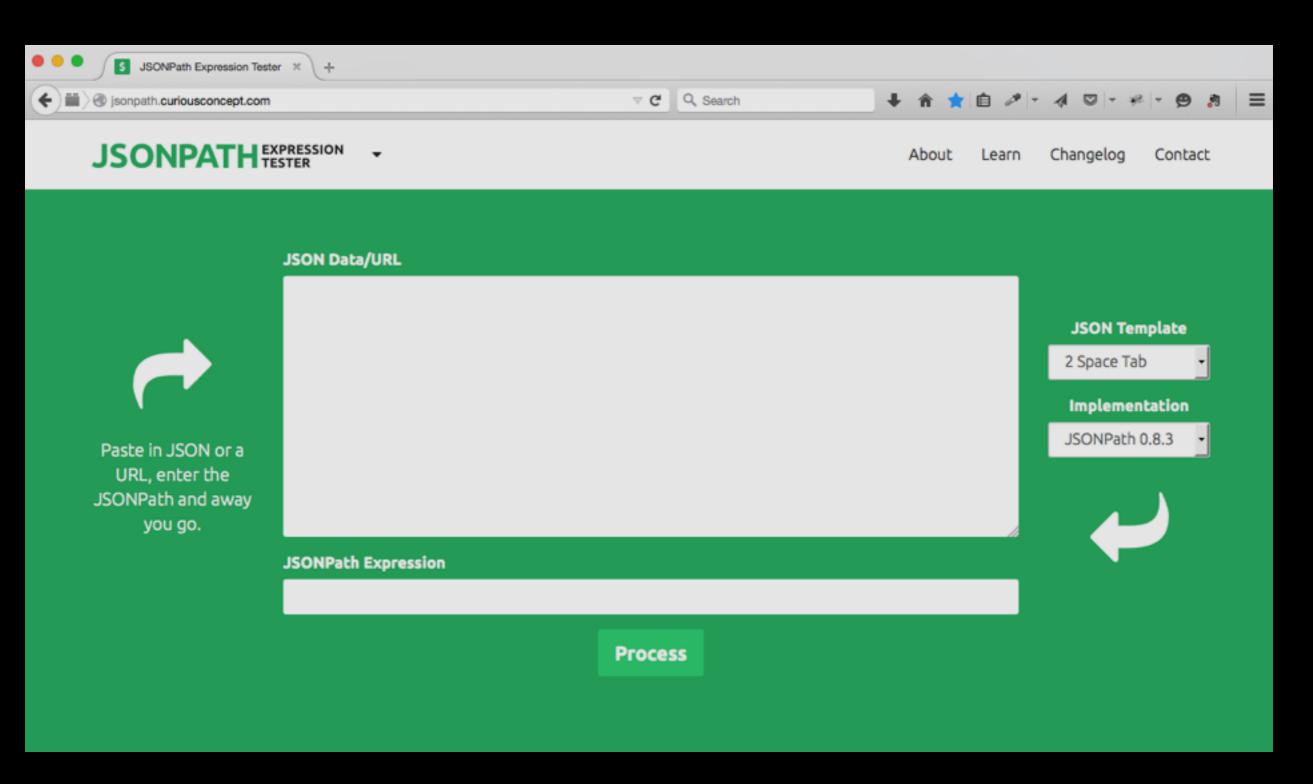
#### JSONPath



### JSONPath Syntax

XPath	JSONPath	Result
/store/book/author	\$.store.book[*].author	the authors of all books in the store
//author	\$author	all authors
/store/*	\$.store.*	all things in store, which are some books and a red bicycle.
/store//price	\$.storeprice	the price of everything in the store.
//book[3]	\$book[2]	the third book
//book[last()]	\$book[(@.length-1)] \$book[-1:]	the last book in order.
//book[position()<3]	\$book[0,1] \$book[:2]	the first two books
//book[isbn]	\$book[?(@.isbn)]	filter all books with isbn number
//book[price<10]	\$book[?(@.price<10)]	filter all books cheapier than 10
//*	\$*	all Elements in XML document. All members of JSON structure.

#### JSONPath Expression Tester



#### JSONPath Demo

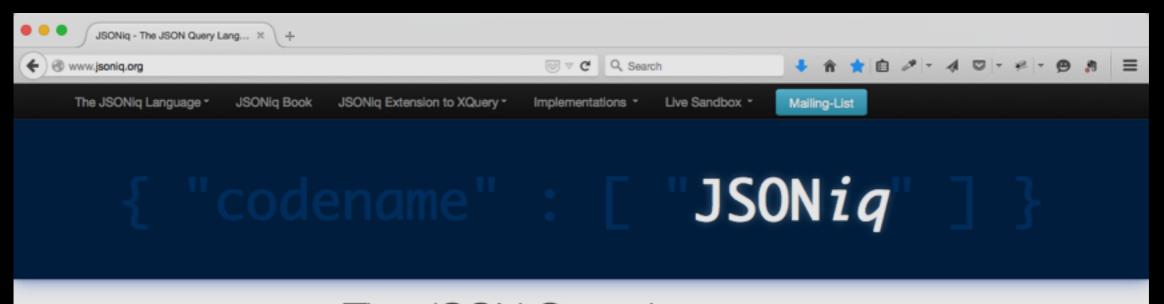
#### JSONPath Testing

```
var expect = require('chai').expect;
var request = require('request');
var jp = require('jsonpath');
describe('json-pointer', function() {
  describe('api', function() {
    it('should return 200', function(done) {
      var options = {
        url: 'http://localhost:5000/airports',
        headers: {
          'Content-Type': 'application/json'
      request.get(options, function(err, res, body) {
        expect(res.statusCode).to.equal(200);
        console.log('\n\n\nJSONPath [Test]');
        //console.log(res.body);
        //var obj = JSON.parse(res.body);
        var obj = JSON.parse(res.body);
        console.log('\n\n1st & 3rd Object weather: ');
        console.log(jp.query(obj, '$[0,2].weather'));
        done();
     });
   });
  });
});
```

#### JSONPath Scorecard

Mind Share	Υ?
Dev Community	Υ?
Platforms	JavaScript, Node.js, Java, Ruby
Intuitive	Υ
Standard	N

#### JSONiq



#### The JSON Query Language



#### Decades of Lessons Learnt

JSONiq is a query and processing language specifically designed for the popular JSON data model. The main ideas behind JSONiq are based on lessons learnt in more than 30 years of relational query systems and more than 15 years of experience with designing and implementing query languages for semi-structured data.



#### Complex Processing

A JSONiq program is an expression; the result of the program is the result of the evaluation of the expression. Expressions have fundamental role in the language: every language construct is an expression, and expressions are fully composable. Project, Filter, Join, Group... Like SQL, JSONiq can do all that.



The SQL of NoSQL

JSOniq is an expressive and highly optimizable language to query and update NoSQL stores. It enables developers to leverage the same productive high-level language across a variety of NoSQL products.

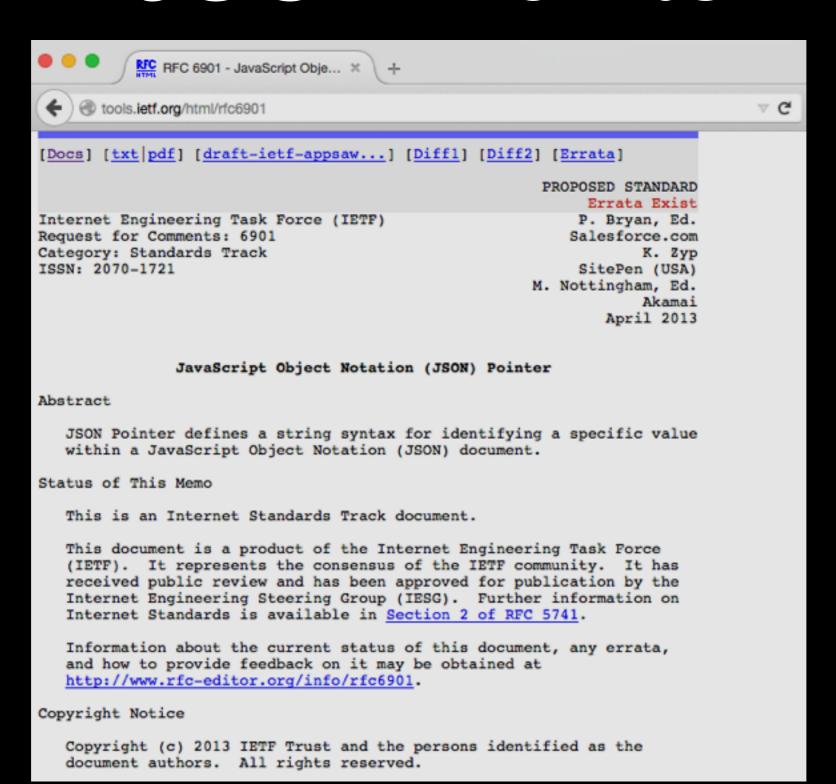
### JSONiq Example

```
42 instance of integer # true
42 instance of decimal # true
42.6 instance of decimal # true
42.6e10 instance of double # true
"fred" instance of string # true
true instance of boolean # true
null instance of null # true
"Douglas" | | " " | | "Crockford", # Douglas Crockford
"Douglas" || () || "Crockford"  # DouglasCrockford
[ "question", "answer" ][][1] # "question"
questions: [
  "What JSON Search too should I use?",
    { "faq" : "We're still figuring out out." }
}.questions[][2].faq  # "We're still figuring out out."
```

#### JSONiq Scorecard

Mind Share	N?
Dev Community	Υ?
Platforms	Zorba.io
Intuitive	Υ?
Standard	N

#### JSON Pointer



### JSON Pointer Syntax

```
RFC 6901
                                JSON Pointer
                                                                  April 2013
   For example, given the JSON document
      "foo": ["bar", "baz"],
      "": 0,
      "a/b": 1,
      "c%d": 2,
      "e^f": 3,
      "q h": 4,
      "i\\j": 5,
      "k\"1": 6,
      " ": 7,
      "m~n": 8
   The following JSON strings evaluate to the accompanying values:
    10.00
                  // the whole document
    "/foo"
                  ["bar", "baz"]
    "/foo/0"
                  "bar"
                  0
    "/a~1b"
    "/c%d"
    "/e^f"
    "/g|h"
    "/i\\j"
    "/k\"1"
    "/m~0n"
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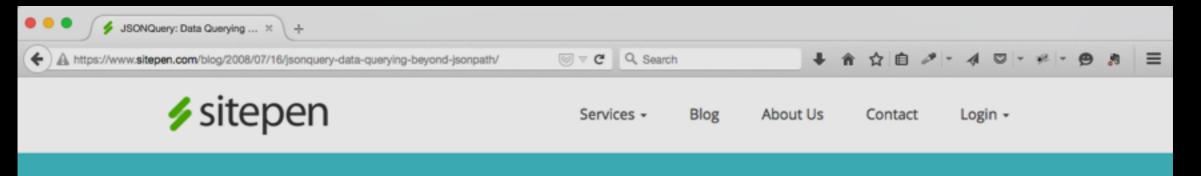
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          'Content-Type': 'application/json'
      request.get(options, function(err, res, body) {
        expect(res.statusCode).to.equal(200);
        //console.log(res.body);
        var obj = JSON.parse(res.body);
        console.log('\n\n\nJSON Pointer [Test]');
        console.log('\n\n1st Object: ');
        console.log(pointer.get(obj, '/0'));
        console.log('\nIATA on 2nd Object: ');
        console.log(pointer.get(obj, '/1/IATA'));
        done();
  });
});
```

#### JSON Pointer Scorecard

Mind Share	Υ?
Dev Community	Υ
Platforms	JavaScript, Node.js, Java, Ruby, etc.
Intuitive	Υ
Standard	RFC 6901 - Woot!

#### JSON Query



#### JSONQuery: Data Querying Beyond JSONPath

Notice: We recommend reading our newer post on ROL.

A new data querying tool for has been added to <u>Dojo</u> 1.2. JSONQuery is a new module intended to succeed and improve upon the JSONPath module introduced in Dojo 1.1. JSONQuery provides a comprehensive set of data querying tools including filtering, recursive search, sorting, mapping, range selection, and flexible expressions with wildcard string comparisons and various operators.

JSONQuery provides <u>safe evaluation</u> with <u>language agnostic expressions</u> that prevents arbitrary code execution. It also uses intuitive <u>result-based evaluation</u> that allows successive query operations. Furthermore, the new JSONQuery module provides significant performance improvements, with 20-100x faster execution with the common filter operation on large arrays than the JSONPath module. JSONQuery generally supersets the functionality of JSONPath and provides syntax that matches and behaves like JavaScript where the syntax intersects for maximum ease of use.

#### Usage API

A JSONQuery can be executed with the following call:



By Kris Zyp July 16, 2008

#### Featured articles

Intern 2.2 released

Introducing dstore

On YUI, Dojo 2, and long-term JavaScript toolkits

Testable code best practices

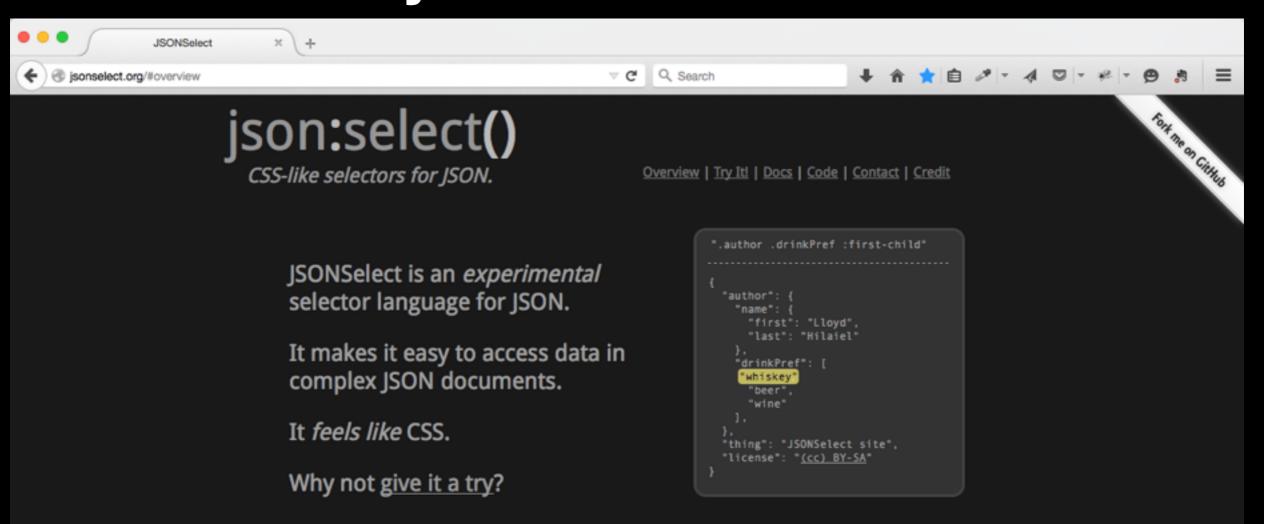
Performance Comparison: dgrid OnDemandGrid and Dojo Grid

We're hiring!

#### JSON Query Scorecard

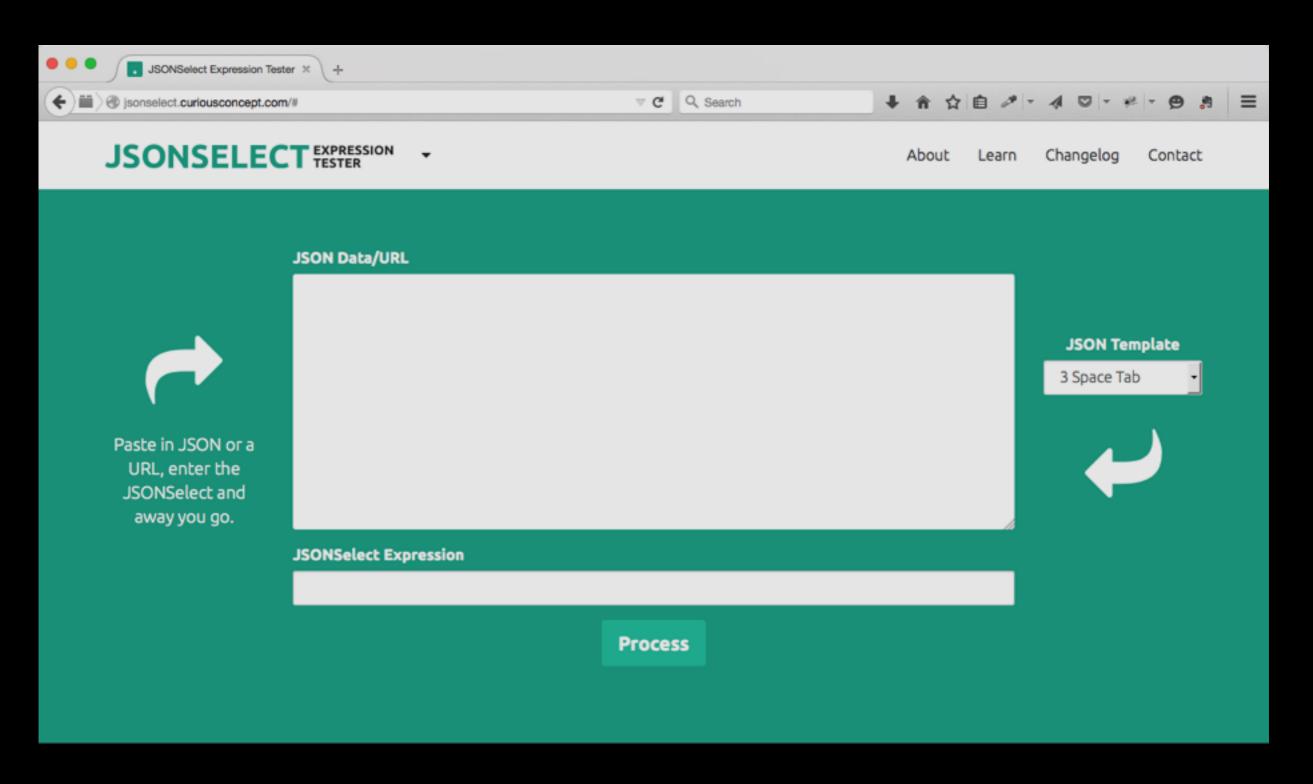
Mind Share	N?
Dev Community	N?
Platforms	JavaScript, Node.js
Intuitive	Υ
Standard	Ν

#### json:select



https://github.com/lloyd/JSONSelect

#### json:select Expression Tester

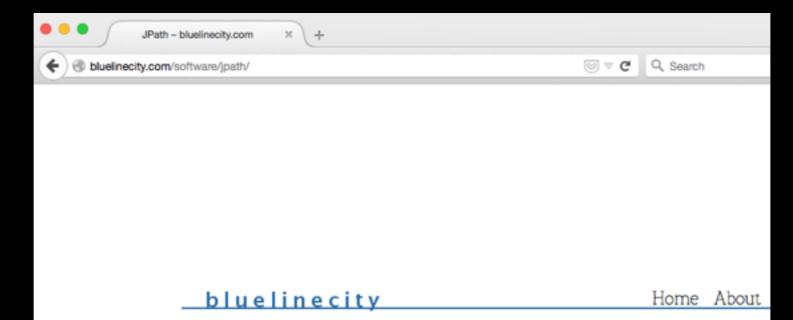


# json:select Demo

## json:select Scorecard

Mind Share	Υ?	
Dev Community	Υ?	
Platforms	JavaScript, Node.js, Ruby	
Intuitive	Y - CSS	
Standard	N	

### JPath



#### JPath

XPath for JSON

JPath is a simple lightweight Javascript Class which provides an XPath-like querying ability to JSON objects.

Download JPath 1.0.5

#### Features

- · basic node selection
- · element index selection
- unlimited, nested predicate selections via inline javascript functions
- 2 methods of querying, chained javascript functions or traditional XPath query string
- · root, parent, global node selections
- predicate functions [ last(), position(), count() ]
- boolean operators

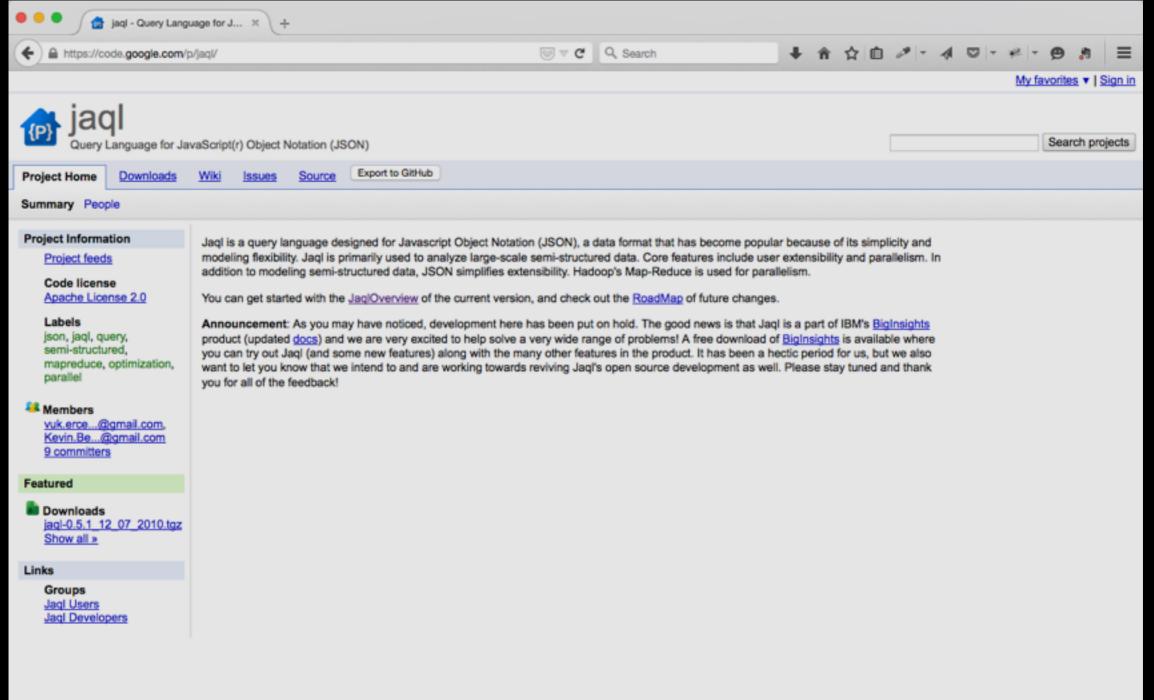
#### Using JPath

There are two syntactic methods to using JPath – chained method calls or an XPath query.

### JPath Scorecard

Mind Share	Ν
Dev Community	Υ?
Platforms	JavaScript, Node.js, Ruby
Intuitive	Υ
Standard	Ν

## Jaql



## Jaql Example

```
1
2 Arrays
3 -----
4 jaql> a = [5, 6, 7];
5 jaql> a[1];  // 6
6 jaql> a[1:2];  // [6,7]
7
8
9 Objects
10 -----
11 jaql> a = { name : "fred", age : 55, children : ["tom", "anna"] };
12 jaql> a.name;  // "fred"
13 jaql> a.children[0];  // "tom"
```

# Jaql Scorecard

Mind Share	Ν
Dev Community	N?
Platforms	JaqlShell, Hadoop
Intuitive	Υ
Standard	Ν

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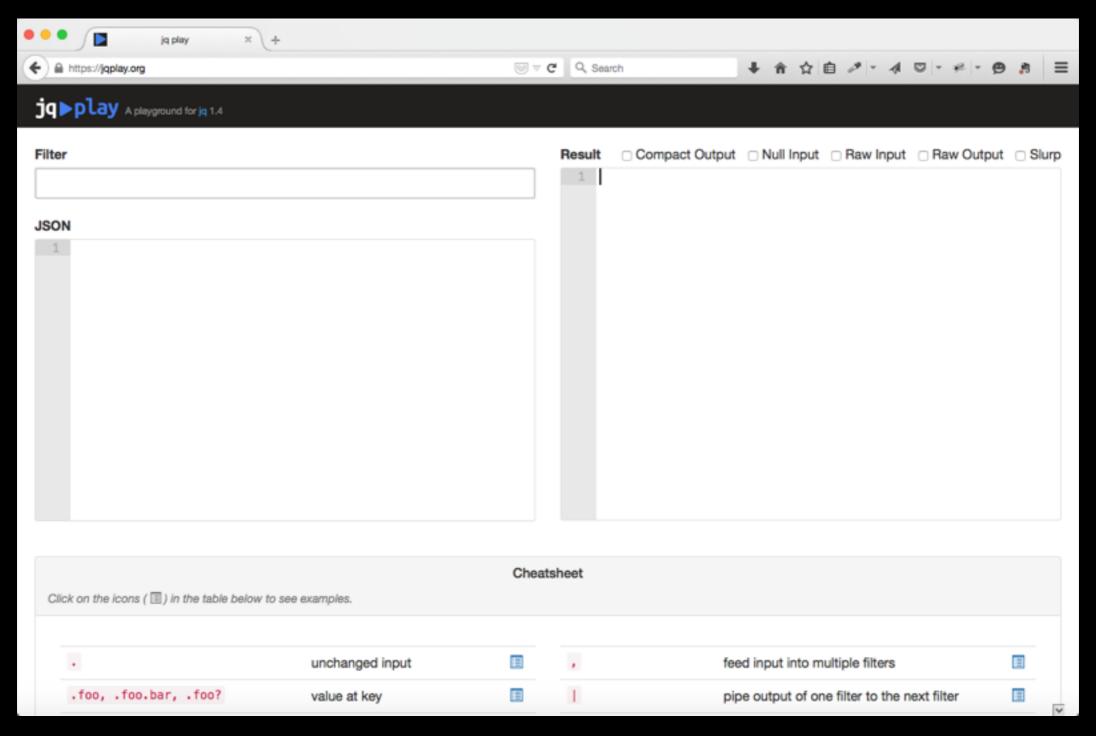
jq is like sed for JSON data – you can use it to slice and filter and map and transform structured data with the same ease that sed, awk, grep and friends let you play with text. jq is written in portable C, and it has zero runtime dependencies. You can download a single binary, scp it to a far away machine, and expect it to work. jq can mangle the data format that you have into the one that you want with very little effort, and the program to do so is often shorter and simpler than you'd expect.

Go read the tutorial for more, or the manual for way more.

#### News

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# jq play



## jq Examples

```
In jq-play
.airports
.airports[10]
.airports[10] | { id, IATA, weather }
.airports[10:15] | .[] | { id, IATA, weather }
In curl
curl 'http://localhost:5000/airports'
curl 'http://localhost:5000/airports' | jq .[10]
curl 'http://localhost:5000/airports' | jq '.[10] | { id, IATA, weather }'
curl 'http://localhost:5000/airports' | jq '.[10:15] | .[] | { id, IATA, weather }'
```

# jq Scorecard

Mind Share	Υ
Dev Community	Υ
Platforms	CLI - Linux / Mac OS X / Windows
Intuitive	Υ
Standard	N

## My JSON Search Choices

API / Product	Туре	Rank
JSON Pointer	API	1
JSON Path	API	2
json:select	API	3
JPath	API	3
JSON Query	API	4

## My JSON Search Choices

API/Product	Туре	Rank
jq	CLI	

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API/Product	Туре	Rank
Jaql	Shell	1
JSONiq	Shell	2

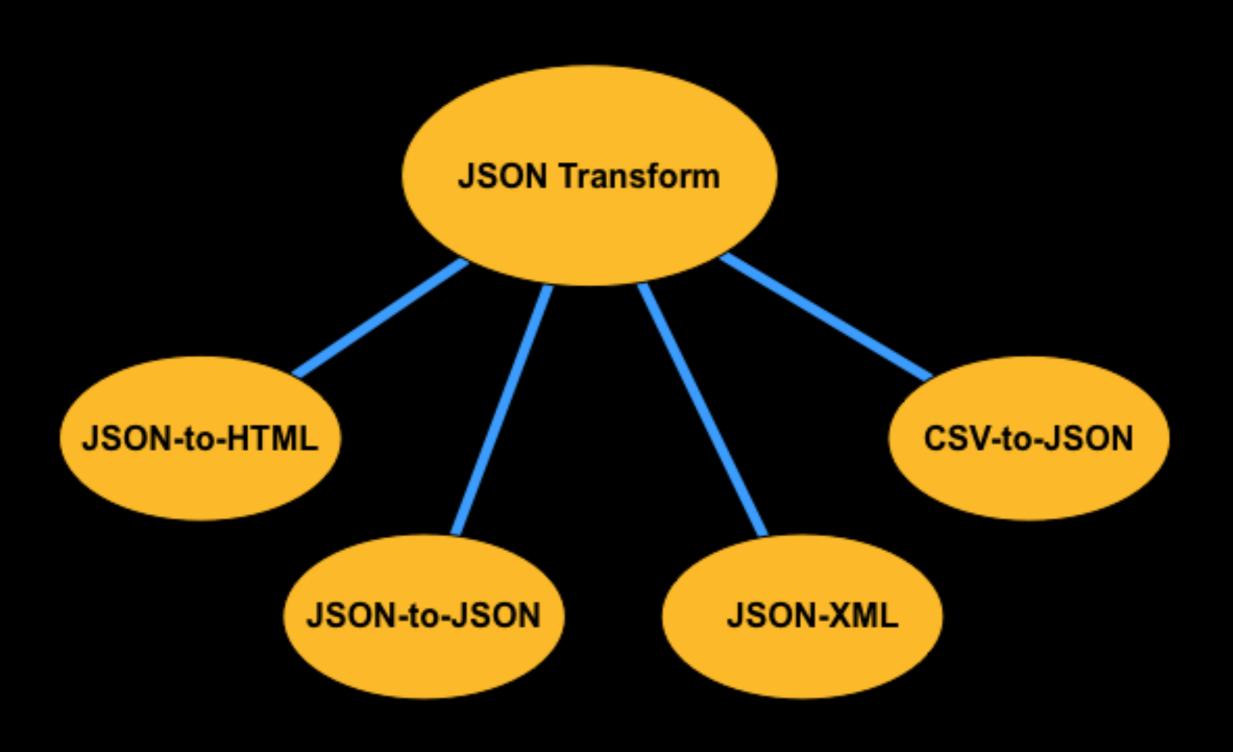
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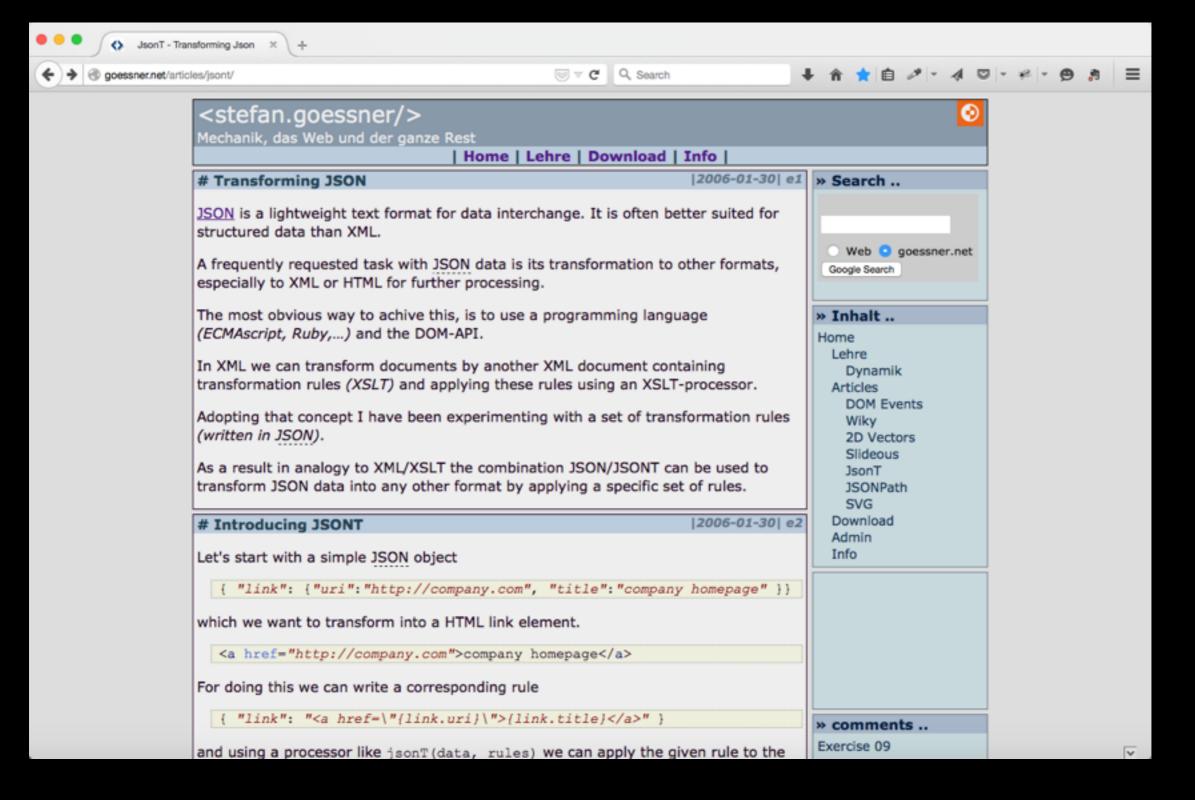
JSON Search

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### JSON Transform



### JSON-T



## JSON-T Example

```
simple array

["red", "green", "blue"]

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["self": "\n{$}",
   "self[*]": " {$}\n"]

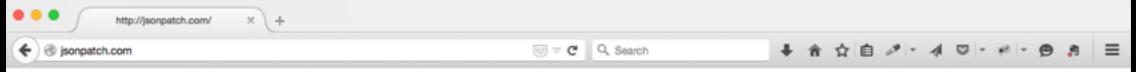
=

   >red
   >green
   >li>green
   blue
```

### JSON-T Scorecard

Mind Share	Ν
Dev Community	Ν
Platforms	JavaScript, Node.js
Intuitive	Υ
Standard	Ν

### JSON Patch



#### What is JSONPatch?

JSON Patch is a format for describing changes to a <u>JSON</u> document. It can be used to avoid sending a whole document when only a part has changed. When used in combination with the <u>HTTP</u> <u>PATCH method</u> it allows partial updates for HTTP APIs in a standards compliant way.

The patch documents are themselves JSON documents.

JSON Patch is specified in RFC 6902 from the IETF.

#### Simple example

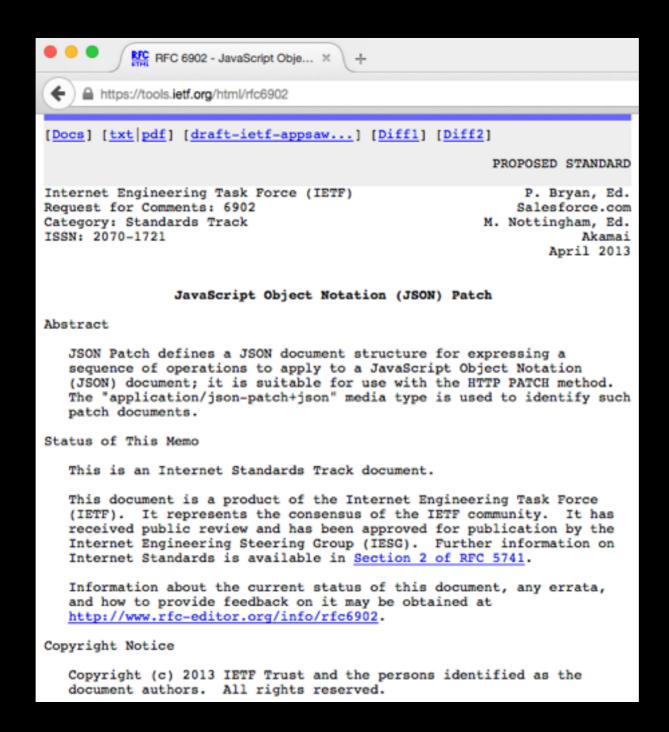
#### The original document

#### How it works

A JSON Patch document is just a JSON file containing an array of patch operations. The patch operations supported by JSONPatch are "add", "remove", "replace", "move", "copy" and "test". The operations are applied in order; if any of them fail then the whole patch operation should abort.

#### JSON Pointer

### JSON Patch Standard



## JSON Patch Example

#### Simple example The original document "baz": "qux", "foo": "bar" The patch { "op": "replace", "path": "/baz", "value": "boo" }, { "op": "add", "path": "/hello", "value": ["world"] }, "op": "remove", "path": "/foo"} The result "baz": "boo", "hello": ["world"]

### JSON Patch Scorecard

Mind Share	Υ?
Dev Community	Υ
Platforms	JavaScript, Node.js, Java, Ruby, etc.
Intuitive	Υ
Standard	RFC 6902 - Yes!

### My JSON Transform Choices

API / Product	Туре	Rank
JSON Patch	JSON-to-JSON	1
JSON-T	JSON-to-JSON	2

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### Questions?

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### JSON Resources

JSON Spec - <a href="http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4627">http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4627</a>

JSON.org - <a href="http://www.json.org">http://www.json.org</a>

JSONLint - <a href="http://www.jsonlint.com">http://www.jsonlint.com</a>

JSON Editor Online - <a href="http://jsoneditoronline.org/">http://jsoneditoronline.org/</a>

### JSON Resources

JSONiq - <a href="http://www.jsoniq.org/">http://www.jsoniq.org/</a>

JSONT - <a href="http://goessner.net/articles/jsont/">http://goessner.net/articles/jsont/</a>

### JSONPath Resources

http://goessner.net/articles/JsonPath/

https://github.com/jayway/JsonPath

https://rubygems.org/gems/jsonpath/versions/0.5.6

https://www.npmjs.com/package/json-path

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### JSON Pointer Resources

https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc6901

https://www.npmjs.com/package/json-pointer

https://rubygems.org/gems/json-pointer

https://github.com/fge/jackson-coreutils

http://susanpotter.net/blogs/software/2011/07/why-json-pointer-falls-short/

https://zato.io/blog/posts/json-pointer-rfc-6901.html

## JSON Query Resources

https://github.com/jcrosby/jsonquery

https://github.com/mmckegg/json-query

https://www.npmjs.com/package/json-query

### json:select Resources

http://jsonselect.org/#overview

https://github.com/lloyd/JSONSelect

https://github.com/lloyd/JSONSelect/blob/master/JSONSelect.md

https://www.npmjs.com/package/JSONSelect

https://github.com/fd/json\_select

### JPath Resources

http://bluelinecity.com/software/jpath/

https://www.npmjs.com/package/jpath

https://www.npmjs.com/package/node-jpath

https://github.com/merimond/jpath

## jaql Resources

https://code.google.com/p/jaql/

http://www.havlena.net/en/programming/jaql-in-hadoop-a-brief-introduction/

http://www-01.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/ SSPT3X\_3.0.0/com.ibm.swg.im.infosphere.biginsights.jaql.doc/doc/c0057749.html

## jq Resources

http://stedolan.github.io/jq/

http://stedolan.github.io/jq/tutorial/

https://github.com/stedolan/jq

https://robots.thoughtbot.com/jq-is-sed-for-json

https://zerokspot.com/weblog/2013/07/18/processing-json-with-jq/

https://jqplay.org/

### JSON-T Resources

http://goessner.net/articles/jsont/

https://github.com/CamShaft/jsont

https://www.npmjs.com/package/jsont

### JSON Patch Resources

http://jsonpatch.com/

https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc6902

http://jsonpatchjs.com/

https://rubygems.org/gems/json\_patch

https://github.com/flipkart-incubator/zjsonpatch

https://www.npmjs.com/package/json-patch

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## JSON Groups

Google - <a href="http://groups.google.com/group/group/groups.google.com/group/groups.google.com/group/group/groups.google.com/group/group/groups.google.com/group/group/groups.google.com/group/group/groups.google.com/group/group/groups.google.com/group/group/groups.google.com/group/group/groups.google.com/group/group/groups.google.com/group/group/groups.google.com/group/group/groups.google.com/group/groups.google.com/group/group/groups.google.com/group/group/groups.google.com/group/group/groups.google.com/group/group/groups.google.com/group/group/groups.google.com/group/group/groups.google.com/group/groups.google.com/group/groups.google.com/group/groups.google.com/group/groups.google.com/groups/groups.google.com/groups/g

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