

TDA357/DIT621 – Databases

Lecture 11 – JSON part 2: JSON Schema and JSON Path

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(Because JSON returns, get it?)



JSON Schema

- A 'language' to describe the structure of JSON documents.
- A JSON schema is itself a JSON object, whose keys are "keywords" and the values for those keys tell us something about the schema.

```
{"title": "Filesystem",  
  "description": "A system for the organization of files",  
  "type": "object" }
```

Why use a Schema?

- We use a schema to regain some structure, even though we're using a non-structured model.
- The schema tells us what to expect from the document, such as which parts are optional and which are required, and the general structure.
- Allows us to validate (at any time!) data coming from outside sources, such as user data, or external API data.

JSON Schemas

- A JSON schema is either a root schema or a subschema, with a root schema being the top level schema, and a subschema a schema that is within the root schema.
- A JSON schema is itself a JSON object.
- We use "keywords" as keys, and the value for each keyword tells us something about the schema.
- We use these keywords to define the schema.
- The empty object `{}` and `true` validates against anything, i.e. you don't provide any information about what it should contain. A schema that says `false` is always invalid, no matter what.

Example of a schema

- If we have the following schema, that says every branch has a name and a program:

```
{  
  "type": "object", "title": "Branch",  
  "properties": {  
    "name": {"type": "string"},  
    "program": {"type": "string"}  
  },  
  "required": ["name", "program"]  
}
```

- The following are valid:

```
{"name": "IT", "program": "IE"}
```

```
{"name": "MPALG", "program": "CS", "numStudents": 20}
```

- But the following are invalid:

```
{"name": "IT"}
```

```
{"name": "IT", "program": 5}
```

Keywords

- `title` and `description` are annotations that are used to identify the schema in question, but are not used for validation. Example:

```
Schema: {"title": "Character",  
        "description": "A Lord of the Rings character"}
```

Valid: everything

Invalid: nothing

Provides documentation for the schema

`type` is used to define the type of the JSON within, and can be any of `array`, `boolean`, `integer`, `null`, `number`, `object`, or `string`.

Example:

Schema: `{"type": "number"}`

Valid: 1

2

5.9

6.022e+10

...

Invalid: "a"

`true`

`{"as": "hey"}`

`["a", "b"]`

...

`enum` accepts only a specified list of values

Example:

Schema: `{"type": "string", "enum": ["u", "3", "4", "5"]}`

Valid: "u"

"3"

"4"

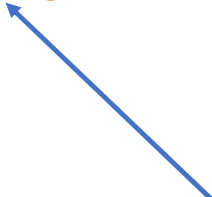
"5"

Invalid: 3

4

"uu"

...



Specifying type here is a bit redundant, but good practice

`const` is a special case of `enum` that accepts exactly one value (a constant):

Schema: `{"const": 42}`

Valid: 42 Invalid: everything else

`minimum` and `maximum` are specific to numbers, and specify the minimum and maximum value that the number can take. Example:

Schema: `{"type": "integer", "minimum": 1, "maximum": 6}`

Valid: 1

2

3

4

5

6

Invalid: 0

7

100

"asd"

`{"number": 5}`

...

Strings

`minLength` and `maxLength` are specific to strings, and specify the minimum and maximum length of the string. Example:

Schema: `{"type": "string", "minLength": 10, "maxLength": 10}`

Valid: "abde284320"

"1234567890"

...

Invalid: "123"

"1asd"

25

`{"idnr": "1234567890"}`

...

`properties` is used to define schemas for the properties of objects.

Example:

```
Schema: {"type": "object",  
        "properties": {"name": {"type": "string"},  
                        "age": {"type": "integer"}}}
```

```
Valid: {"name": "Matti", "age": 27}  
       {"name": "Jonas"}  
       {"name": "Frodo", "age": 50, "location": "Shire"}  
       {}
```

...

```
Invalid: {"name": 11, "age": 12}  
         {"age": "23"}  
         "1234"
```

...

A schema in a schema in a schema

- Many JSON Schema keywords contain other schemas

```
{ "type": "object",  
  "properties": { "p": {...} }
```



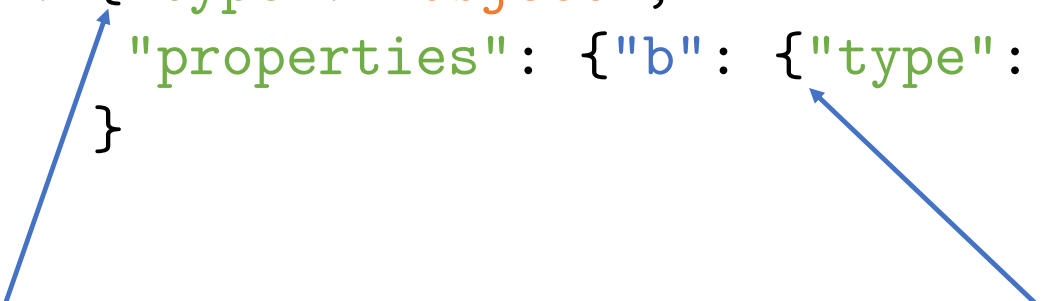
Any JSON Schema can go here

- This is how we build complex schemas from simple components

Quiz: Properties

- Consider the document $d = \{ "a" : \{ "b" : 0 \} \}$, how do we make a schema that ensures the value of $d.a.b$ is an integer?

```
{ "type": "object",  
  "properties":  
    { "a": { "type": "object",  
              "properties": { "b": { "type": "integer" } }  
            }  
      }  
}
```



This object is the schema for d.a

This object is the schema for d.a.b

Not every object in a schema is a schema

```
{ "type": "object",  
  "properties":  
    { "a": { "type": "object",  
              "properties": { "b": { "type": "integer" } }  
            }  
    }  
}
```

This object is a valid schema

This object is NOT a schema. It's a mapping from property names (like "b") to schemas

`additionalProperties` is used to define the schema for any properties not present in `properties`. Can be used to prevent arbitrary properties in objects. Example:

```
Schema: {"type": "object",  
        "properties": {"name": {"type": "string"}},  
        "additionalProperties": false}
```

```
Valid: {"name": "Jonas"}  
       {"name": "Matti"}  
       {}
```

...

```
Invalid: {"name": 11}  
         {"age": "23"}  
         {"name": "Matti", "age": 27}  
         {"name": "Frodo", "age": 50, "location": "Shire"}  
         "1234"
```

...



A schema that accepts nothing, making name the only allowed attribute

`required` is used to define what properties a certain object must have.

Example:

Schema: `{"type": "object", "required": ["name", "age"]}`

Valid: `{"name": "Matti", "age": 27}`

`{"name": "Sauron", "age": "Not known"}`

`{"name": 11, "age": "twelve", "favFood": "eggos"}`

...

Invalid: `{"name": "Matti"}`

`{"age": 2}`

`"asda"`

...

`minProperties` and `maxProperties` is used to define the maximum and minimum number of properties objects must have. Example:

Schema: `{"type": "object", "minProperties": 1, "maxProperties": 2}`

Valid: `{"name": "Matti", "age": 27}`

`{"name": 9}`

`{"lottery": [7,9,13,17], "winner": "Jonas" }`

...

Invalid: `{}`

`{"name": "McCartney", "age": 76, "band": "The Beatles"}`

`"asdad"`

...

Arrays

`items` allows you to specify a schema for the items in the array.

Example:

Schema: `{"type": "array", "items": {"type": "number"}}`

Valid: `[1,2,3]`

`[42,5,7e10]`

`[323.8,2,1]`

...


Invalid: `["asd", "one"]`

`[1,2,3,"four"]`

`"asdf"`

`24`

...



Another example of a subschema

`uniqueItems` specifies that the items must be unique (i.e. no duplicates):

Example:

Schema: `{"type": "array", "uniqueItems": true}`

Valid: `[1,2,3]`

`["a", "b", "c"]`

`[1]`

`[]`

...

Invalid: `[1,1]`

`["a", "b", "a"]`

`"asdf"`

`1234`

...

`minItems` and `maxItems` specify the minimum and maximum number of items in the array. Example:

Schema: `{"type": "array", "minItems": 3, "maxItems": 5}`

Valid: `[1,2,3]`

`["a","q","e","t"]`

`[8,4,2,9,0]`

...

Invalid: `[]`

`[1,2,3,5,6,7]`

`["a","b"]`

`"asdf"`

...

`contains` allows you to specify a schema that at least one item in the array must satisfy. Example:

Schema: `{"type": "array", "contains": {"const": 42}}`

Valid: `[1,2,3,42]`

`[42]`

`["a", 42, "b", "c", 42]`

...

Invalid: `[]`

`[1, 2, 4]`

`[[42]]`

`{"contents": [12,2,3]}`

`42`

`"42"`

...

Combining schemas

Subschemas can be combined using logic operators:

`allOf`, `anyOf`, `oneOf`, and `not`.

Can also be written as `all-of`, `any-of`, `one-of`.

Example:

Takes a list of schemas

Schema: `{"oneOf": [{"type": "integer", "maximum": 5}, {"type": "integer", "minimum": 3}]}`

Valid: -5
2
-15
100
...

`oneOf` means exactly one of the schemas must match (whereas `anyOf` means at least one)

Invalid: 3
4
5
"asdf"
5.8
...

Excluded for satisfying both subschemas

- `$ref` is a keyword you can use to refer and reuse schemas.
- `#` is used to recursively refer to the schema itself. Example:

Schema:

```
{
  "type": "object",
  "title": "A Non-empty linked list",
  "required": ["value", "next"],
  "properties": {
    "value": {"type": "integer"},
    "next": {"oneOf": [{"type": "null"}, {"$ref": "#"}]}
```

Valid: `{"value": 1, "next": {"value": 2, "next": null}}`
`{"value": 1, "next": null}`

...

Invalid: `{"value": 2}`
`{"next": {"value": 2, "next": null}}`
`23, [1,2], "asdasd", ...`

`definitions` is used to define schemas to use with `$ref`. Example:

Schema:

```
{ "definitions": { "posInt": { "type": "integer", "minimum": 1 } },  
  "type": "array",  
  "items": { "$ref": "#/definitions/posInt" } }
```

Note that the definition
in itself does nothing

Valid: [1,2,3]
 [1]
 []
 [1000,12]

...

Invalid: [-1]
 [0]
 [0,1,2]
 5
 "asd"

...

Additional Keywords (not covered in the course)

- JSON schema has more keywords than we use here, which allow for richer specification of valid schemas.
- You can find them on <https://json-schema.org/>
- Online validator available at <https://www.jsonschemavalidator.net/>
- In particular, the `$schema` and `$id` keywords are used to identify the document as a JSON schema, and where the definition of the schema can be found (using a URI). Example:

```
{ "$schema": "http://json-schema.org/draft-07/schema#",  
  "$id": "https://api.example.com/db.schema.json" }
```

Nifty summary of keywords

false matches nothing

true matches everything (same as {})

Objects contain any number of keywords (as keys), that limit what is accepted. Keywords and types of values:

- **"enum"** (array): accepts only the listed values.
- **"type"** (string): accepts only the given type, one of object/array/string/number/integer/boolean.
- **"minimum", "maximum", "minLength", "maxLength", "minProperties", "maxProperties", "minItems", "maxItems"** (integer): specifies bounds for numbers, string lengths, array lengths and number of attributes respectively.
- **"properties"** (object with name:schema pairs) specifies schemas for attributes of objects.
E.g. {"properties":{"x":{"type":"string"}, "y":false}} accepts only objects where the type of attribute x is a string (or x does not exist) and attribute y does not exist.
- **"additionalProperties"** (schema): specifies the schema for all attributes not mentioned in "properties".
- **"required"** (array of strings): accepts only objects that have all the listed attributes
- **"items"** (schema): accepts only arrays where all items are accepted by the given schema
- **"contains"** (schema): accepts only arrays that where at least one item is accepted by the given schema
- **"uniqueItems"** (boolean): if boolean is true, accepts only arrays where items are unique
- **"allOf", "anyOf", "oneOf"** (array of schemas): accepts only what is accepted by all of, at least one of, or exactly one of the given schemas.
- **"not"** (schema): accepts only what is not accepted by the given schema.
- **"definitions"** (object with name:schema pairs): specifies named schemas, that can be used with "\$ref". Only used in the root object of a schema.
- **"\$ref"** (string): accepts values that are accepted by the referenced schema. Use "#" to refer back to the root of the schema. Use "#\definitions\x" to refer to definition x.

Example: File system

/file1.txt (100 bytes)
/a/file2.jpg (200 bytes)
/a/file3.mp4 (600 bytes)
/a/file4.png (300 bytes)
/b/c/file5.jpg (400 bytes)



Encoding (one of many possible)

```
{  
  "name": "/", "contents": [  
    {  
      "name": "file1", "filetype": "txt", "size": 100,  
    },  
    {  
      "name": "a/", "contents": [  
        {  
          "name": "file2", "filetype": "jpg", "size": 200,  
        },  
        {  
          "name": "file3", "filetype": "mp4", "size": 600,  
        },  
        {  
          "name": "file4", "filetype": "png", "size": 300,  
        }  
      ]  
    },  
    {  
      "name": "b/", "contents": [  
      {  
        "name": "c/", "contents": [  
          {  
            "name": "file5", "filetype": "jpg", "size": 400,  
          }  
        ]  
      }  
    ]  
  }  
]
```

```

{"title": "Filesystem",
"$ref": "#/definitions/directory",
"definitions": {
  "file": {
    "type": "object",
    "properties": {
      "name": {"type": "string", "minLength": 1},
      "filetype": {"type": "string"},
      "size": {"type": "integer"}},
    "required": ["name", "size"]},
  "directory": {
    "type": "object",
    "properties": {
      "name": {"type": "string", "minLength": 1},
      "contents": {"type": "array",
        "items": {"oneOf": [
          {"$ref": "#/definitions/file"},
          {"$ref": "#/definitions/directory"}]}]},
      "required": ["name", "contents"]}}}

```

```

{"name": "/", "contents": [
  {"name": "file1", "filetype": "txt", "size": 100},
  {"name": "a/", "contents": [
    {"name": "file2", "filetype": "jpg", "size": 200},
    {"name": "file3", "filetype": "mp4", "size": 600},
    {"name": "file4", "filetype": "png", "size": 300}]}],
  {"name": "b/", "contents": [
    {"name": "c/", "contents": [
      {"name": "file5", "filetype": "jpg", "size": 400}]}]}]}

```

Querying JSON Documents

The JSON Path Language

- Now that we can validate that the data has a certain structure, what can we do with it?
- Answer: we can query it!
- In this course we use JSONPath to write queries for JSON documents.

Branching and restricting paths

JSON Path is a generalization of the dot notation from OO (like x.y.z)

- Gives a set as a result instead of a single value
- Allows wildcards (*) to replace names (things like x.*.z)
 - X.* "branches out" to all attributes of x
- Allows restricting the set of values back
 - Applying .z to x.* will give the z-values of all attributes of x, pruning the branches that have no z-attribute

Example

Let d be this little JSON document:

```
{ "a" : { "x" : 1 },  
  "b" : { "x" : 2 },  
  "c" : { "y" : 3 } }
```

$d.a.* = [1]$

```
{ "a" : { "x" : 1 },  
  "b" : { "x" : 2 },  
  "c" : { "y" : 3 } }
```

$d.* = [\{ "x" : 1 \}, \{ "x" : 2 \}, \{ "y" : 3 \}]$

```
{ "a" : { "x" : 1 },  
  "b" : { "x" : 2 },  
  "c" : { "y" : 3 } }
```

$d.*.x = [1,2]$

The SQL/JSON Path Language

- A SQL specific JSON Path has been added to the SQL standard is in the works, as defined in [Oracle DB documentation](#), and is available in PostgreSQL **12.0** onwards.
- Defined at <https://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/functions-json.html>,
- Example: to get the sizes of all JPG files in a filesystem (following the JSON Schema we saw earlier), we can write:

```
'strict $.**?(@.filetype == "jpg").size'
```
- We'll have a closer look at each of these operations

Relatively new stuff, bugs and odd behavior can happen

How to use JSON Path in Postgres

- Using the `jsonb_path_query`, we can use JSON Path expressions to query json documents and get all resulting JSON items as Postgres rows.
- Using `jsonb_path_query_array` does the same, except the results are wrapped into a single JSON array.
- Using `jsonb_path_query_first` returns only the first result.
- There is a test-file on the course page for playing around with JSON Path in postgres (and run it with psql)

JSON document goes here

```
WITH JsonEx AS (SELECT '{  
  }'  
  ':: jsonb AS val)  
SELECT jsonb_path_query (val,  
  '$'  
) FROM JsonEx;
```

Path goes here

JSONPath operators

/file1.txt
/a/file2.jpg
/a/file3.mp4
/a/file4.png
/b/c/file5.jpg



```
{  
  "name": "/", "contents": [  
    {  
      "name": "file1", "filetype": "txt", "size": 100,  
      "name": "a/", "contents": [  
        {  
          "name": "file2", "filetype": "jpg", "size": 200,  
          "name": "file3", "filetype": "mp4", "size": 600,  
          "name": "file4", "filetype": "png", "size": 300  
        }  
      ],  
      "name": "b/", "contents": [  
        {  
          "name": "c/", "contents": [  
            {  
              "name": "file5", "filetype": "jpg", "size": 400  
            }  
          ]  
        }  
      ]  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

- '\$' is the root object, which we usually start our expressions with. Example:

```
'$'  
[{"name": "/", "contents": [...]}]
```

- '.' is the child operator, used to access a property of an object.

```
'$.name'  
["/"]
```

/file1.txt
/a/file2.jpg
/a/file3.mp4
/a/file4.png
/b/c/file5.jpg



```
{
  "name": "/", "contents": [
    {
      "name": "file1", "filetype": "txt", "size": 100
    },
    {
      "name": "a/", "contents": [
        {
          "name": "file2", "filetype": "jpg", "size": 200
        },
        {
          "name": "file3", "filetype": "mp4", "size": 600
        },
        {
          "name": "file4", "filetype": "png", "size": 300
        }
      ]
    },
    {
      "name": "b/", "contents": [
        {
          "name": "c/", "contents": [
            {
              "name": "file5", "filetype": "jpg", "size": 400
            }
          ]
        }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

- '['']' is the subscript operator, which is used to access elements in arrays. Example:

```
'$.contents[1].contents[0].name'  
["file2"]
```

```
'$.contents[2].contents[0].contents[0].size'  
[400]
```

/file1.txt
/a/file2.jpg
/a/file3.mp4
/a/file4.png
/b/c/file5.jpg



```
{
  "name": "/", "contents": [
    {
      "name": "file1", "filetype": "txt", "size": 100
    },
    {
      "name": "a/", "contents": [
        {
          "name": "file2", "filetype": "jpg", "size": 200
        },
        {
          "name": "file3", "filetype": "mp4", "size": 600
        },
        {
          "name": "file4", "filetype": "png", "size": 300
        }
      ]
    },
    {
      "name": "b/", "contents": [
        {
          "name": "c/", "contents": [
            {
              "name": "file5", "filetype": "jpg", "size": 400
            }
          ]
        }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

- '*' is the wild card operator, which returns everything in the current object.

'\$.*'

["/", [{"name": "file1", "filetype": "txt", "size": 100},...]]

Note: 2 results!

'\$.contents[1].*'

["a/", [{"name": "file2",...}, {"name": "file3",...}, {"name": "file4",...}]]

'\$.contents[*]'

3 results!

[{"name": "file1",...}, {"name": "a/",...}, {"name": "b/",...}]

/file1.txt
/a/file2.jpg
/a/file3.mp4
/a/file4.png
/b/c/file5.jpg



```
{
  "name": "/",
  "contents": [
    {
      "name": "file1",
      "filetype": "txt",
      "size": 100
    },
    {
      "name": "a/",
      "contents": [
        {
          "name": "file2",
          "filetype": "jpg",
          "size": 200
        },
        {
          "name": "file3",
          "filetype": "mp4",
          "size": 600
        },
        {
          "name": "file4",
          "filetype": "png",
          "size": 300
        }
      ]
    },
    {
      "name": "b/",
      "contents": [
        {
          "name": "c/",
          "contents": [
            {
              "name": "file5",
              "filetype": "jpg",
              "size": 400
            }
          ]
        }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

- '**' is the recursive descent operator, which is a wildcard for a whole path (not just a single key)

'\$.**'

All 32 values from the data! 9 objects (includes original), 4 arrays, 14 strings, 5 numbers

See next slide



'strict \$.**.name'

["/", "file1", "a/", "file2", "file3", "file4", "b/", "c/", "file5"]

'strict \$.contents[1]**.name'

["a/", "file2", "file3", "file4"]

Strict and lax mode in Postgres Paths

- Postgres has two modes for JSON Paths, lax (default) and strict.
- Strict gives errors instead of pruning branches for things like `$.*.x` if some objects are missing `x` (you usually don't want this)
- However, when using the recursive descent operator (`**`), lax behaves very oddly (giving duplicate values) and strict does exactly what I would expect lax to do (never giving errors)
- Workaround: Add strict before `$` in paths involving `**`
- On the exam you don't need to specify this

Did I mention this is relatively new stuff?

/file1.txt
/a/file2.jpg
/a/file3.mp4
/a/file4.png
/b/c/file5.jpg



```
{
  "name": "/", "contents": [
    {
      "name": "file1", "filetype": "txt", "size": 100
    },
    {
      "name": "a/", "contents": [
        {
          "name": "file2", "filetype": "jpg", "size": 200
        },
        {
          "name": "file3", "filetype": "mp4", "size": 600
        },
        {
          "name": "file4", "filetype": "png", "size": 300
        }
      ]
    },
    {
      "name": "b/", "contents": [
        {
          "name": "c/", "contents": [
            {
              "name": "file5", "filetype": "jpg", "size": 400
            }
          ]
        }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

- '`?(<expr>)`' allows you to apply a filter expression.
- '@' is used to refer to the current element in expressions.

```
'strict $.**?(@.filetype == "jpg").size'
[200, 400]
```

Tested for each of
the 32 values as @

```
'strict $.**?(@.size < 300).name'
["file1", "file2"]
```


How do we use these operators in practice?

- Say we had a JSON document representing a menu at a restaurant
- How would we use JSON path to get the sum of the prices of burgers on the menu?
- One way to go about it is to think about successively expanding and shrinking the documents.

We start off with

`'$'`,

which gives us the entire document.

```
[{"category": "Starters",  
  "contents": [  
    {"dish": "Calamari", "price": 8.50}]}],  
{"category": "Salads",  
  "contents": [  
    {"dish": "Caesar", "price": 8.50},  
    {"dish": "Chicken", "price": 9.25}]}],  
{"category": "Burgers",  
  "contents": [  
    {"dish": "Standard", "price": 9},  
    {"dish": "Bacon", "price": 10},  
    {"category": "Vegetarian Burgers",  
      "contents": [  
        {"dish": "Haloumi", "price": 13},  
        {"dish": "Mushroom", "price": 10}]}]}]
```

Since the document is an array, and the category we want is one of the elements, we use

`'$[*]'`,

to operate on each of the elements

```
{"category": "Starters",  
  "contents": [  
    {"dish": "Calamari", "price": 8.50}]]}
```

```
{"category": "Salads",  
  "contents": [  
    {"dish": "Caesar", "price": 8.50},  
    {"dish": "Chicken", "price": 9.25}]]}
```

```
{"category": "Burgers",  
  "contents": [  
    {"dish": "Standard", "price": 9},  
    {"dish": "Bacon", "price": 10},  
    {"category": "Vegetarian Burgers",  
      "contents": [  
        {"dish": "Haloumi", "price": 13},  
        {"dish": "Mushroom", "price": 10}]]]]}
```

We only want the prices of burgers,
so we apply a filter to the previous results

```
'$[*]?(@.category == "Burgers")'
```

```
{ "category": "Starters",  
  "contents": [  
    { "dish": "Calamari", "price": 8.50 } ] }
```

```
{ "category": "Salads",  
  "contents": [  
    { "dish": "Caesar", "price": 8.50 },  
    { "dish": "Chicken", "price": 9.25 } ] }
```

```
{ "category": "Burgers",  
  "contents": [  
    { "dish": "Standard", "price": 9 },  
    { "dish": "Bacon", "price": 10 },  
    { "category": "Vegetarian Burgers",  
      "contents": [  
        { "dish": "Haloumi", "price": 13 },  
        { "dish": "Mushroom", "price": 10 } ] } ] ] }
```

Now, we have the right category.

But how do we get the prices of all the different dishes? The easiest way is to expand the results into **ALL THE ELEMENTS**

```
'strict $[*]?(@.category == "Burgers").**'
```

```
{ "category": "Burgers",  
  "contents": [  
    { "dish": "Standard", "price": 9 },  
    { "dish": "Bacon", "price": 10 },  
    { "category": "Vegetarian Burgers",  
      "contents": [  
        { "dish": "Haloumi", "price": 13 },  
        { "dish": "Mushroom", "price": 10 } ] } ] }
```

"Burgers"

```
[ { "dish": "Standard", "price": 9 },  
  { "dish": "Bacon", "price": 10 },  
  { "category": "Vegetarian Burgers",  
    "contents": [  
      { "dish": "Haloumi", "price": 13 },  
      { "dish": "Mushroom", "price": 10 } ] } ]
```

```
{ "dish": "Standard", "price": 9 }
```

"Standard"

9

```
{ "dish": "Bacon", "price": 10 }
```

"Bacon"

10

```
{ "category": "Vegetarian Burgers",  
  "contents": [  
    { "dish": "Haloumi", "price": 13 },  
    { "dish": "Mushroom", "price": 10 } ] }
```

"Vegetarian Burgers"

```
[ { "dish": "Haloumi", "price": 13 },  
  { "dish": "Mushroom", "price": 10 } ]
```

```
{ "dish": "Haloumi", "price": 13 }
```

"Haloumi"

13

```
{ "dish": "Mushroom", "price": 10 }
```

"Mushroom"

10

We see that the prices we want are all available from objects with have the `price` key... so we simply use the `.price` accessor, which gives us the prices!

```
'strict $[*]?(@.category == "Burgers").**.price'
```

The greyed-out branches have no price key

```
{ "category": "Burgers",  
  "contents": [  
    { "dish": "Standard", "price": 9 },  
    { "dish": "Bacon", "price": 10 },  
    { "category": "Vegetarian Burgers",  
      "contents": [  
        { "dish": "Haloumi", "price": 13 },  
        { "dish": "Mushroom", "price": 10 } ] ] }  
  ]  
}  
  
"Burgers"  
  
[ { "dish": "Standard", "price": 9 },  
  { "dish": "Bacon", "price": 10 },  
  { "category": "Vegetarian Burgers",  
    "contents": [  
      { "dish": "Haloumi", "price": 13 },  
      { "dish": "Mushroom", "price": 10 } ] ] }  
]  
  
{ "dish": "Standard", "price": 9 }  
"Standard"  
9  
{ "dish": "Bacon", "price": 10 }  
"Bacon"  
10  
{ "category": "Vegetarian Burgers",  
  "contents": [  
    { "dish": "Haloumi", "price": 13 },  
    { "dish": "Mushroom", "price": 10 } ] }  
"Vegetarian Burgers"  
[ { "dish": "Haloumi", "price": 13 },  
  { "dish": "Mushroom", "price": 10 } ]  
{ "dish": "Haloumi", "price": 13 }  
"Haloumi"  
13  
{ "dish": "Mushroom", "price": 10 }  
"Mushroom"  
10
```

The full query is then (assuming our menu is in the menu column of MenuTable):

```
SELECT jsonb_path_query(menu, 'strict $[*]?(@.category == "Burgers").**.price')
FROM MenuTable;
```

Result: four rows with 9, 10, 13 and 10

And since we're in Postgres, we can do fun stuff like aggregate and sum up the numbers!
... but we need to do an explicit type cast, since the resulting numbers are still `jsonb` values.

```
SELECT SUM(price :: INTEGER) AS answer
FROM (SELECT jsonb_path_query(menu, 'strict $[*]?(@.category == "Burgers").**.price')
      AS price
      FROM MenuTable) AS SubQuery;
```

answer

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