1. Read through the [CouchDB landing page.](http://couchdb.apache.org/)
2. Complete the first three items in [this CouchDB tutorial](http://docs.couchdb.org/en/stable/intro/why.html): "1. Introduction", "2. Installation & First-Time Setup", and "3. Configuring CouchDB". Note there are a lot of pages in this tutorial but you won't need all of them to complete the installation/setup/configuration.
   * Install it as a single-node instance on your own machine.
   * Try to get one or more JSON-formatted files from your earlier work to load into it so you can try out CouchDB.

In no more than 250 words, reply to the following: Talk about your experiences and what you think of the idea of a JSON-oriented "structured data" organizing mechanism like this. Type your response in the text field and submit it to the dropbox.

The install and initial setup for CouchDB on MacOS was very straightforward. Following the “Hello World” example also went very smoothly, and I had a database and document up and running very quickly. However, it took a bit of finagling to get the Macbeth JSON document into the database. Instead of copying the entire play over, I worked with just a couple of lines. CouchDB was initially not accepting a straight copy and paste, but after adding a new “text” object and pasting the lines into an array, it was working fine.

In theory, I like the idea of a JSON-oriented structured data mechanism, but I’m not sure it is actually necessary. In my opinion, JSON serves a specific purpose to deal with data that doesn’t neatly fit into a tabular format. This feels a lot like the Law of the Instrument.

The idea of JSON-oriented structured data is intriguing. However, after creating a couple of different documents with varying depths of JSON, CouchDB didn’t seem to make the JSON any clearer. For instance, using the above example, a “text” column was created, but nested objects weren’t obviously visible and weren’t visualized any easier.