

U37HUSJ4R : cheers everyone :smile:

U1EEBCQM6 : Hi guys & gals

U1EEBCQM6 : lol

U1EEBCQM6 : So slackbot needs to get smarter

U1EEBCQM6 : hahaha

U1EEBCQM6 : question... Is it possible to decode a deeply nested array into a flat `List` and not a nested type?

U0LPMPL2U : yes

U23SA861Y : need to be a bit more specific but probably yes

U0LPMPL2U : the shape of the JSON does not need to be replicated in your Elm types

U1EEBCQM6 : ``json : String

json =

```
""
{
  "name": "Product",
  "attributes": {
    "format": {
      "id": "format",
      "name": "Format",
      "options": [
        {
          "id": "a4",
          "name": "A4"
        },
        {
          "id": "a3",
          "name": "A3"
        }
      ]
    },
    "printing": {
      "id": "printing",
      "name": "Printing",
      "options": [
        {
          "id": "4/4",
          "name": "4/4"
        },
        {
          "id": "4/0",
          "name": "4/0"
        }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
""
...
```

A flat list of the options in this case

U1EEBCQM6 : I'd like to create a type:``

type alias Option =

```
{ id : String
, name : String
, attribute : String
}
```

U1EEBCQM6 : ``type alias Option =

```
{ id : String
, name : String
, attribute : String
```

... }

U23SA861Y : I think you need to bounce through a dictionary for this one and then issue the map

U1EEBCQM6 : mmm.. I was afraid of that. So I'd have to create the nested `Dict` and from that create the `List`.

U0LPMPL2U : what does that `attribute` string map to?

U23SA861Y : presumably the key like `printing`

U0LPMPL2U : ah, so there would be multiple options where the `attribute` is `printing`

U23SA861Y : <@U1EEBCQM6> ^

U0LPMPL2U : If I understand correctly, you want the formatting and printing options together in a flattened list?

U1EEBCQM6 : Yes.. correct

U0LPMPL2U : OK, that should be possible without a `Dict`