

U62UFEG4D : I have shared in this snippet my second attempt...

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U62UFEG4D : <@U48AEBJQ3> it works now, thanks a lot!

U604S603Y : is there a way with elm-package to "restore" packages that are already mentioned as dependencies in my elm-package.json?

U604S603Y : to download all dependencies after cloning a repository for the first time

U3SJEDR96 : <@U604S603Y> just `elm-package install --yes` should handle that :slightly_smiling_face:

U604S603Y : perfect! thanks <@U3SJEDR96>

U5XHTBFS6 : I need very little interaction with leaflet for now, so ports are working ok. But I'll definitely watch the video. Thanks <@U3LT1UTPF> .

U2D7NUGS1 : I'm trying to wrap my head around JSON decoding. How do I implement a function from `Json.Decode.Value` to `String`. Sample JSON would look like that: ``{ value: "The string I want" }`

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U2D7NUGS1 : It can be either with `Json.Decode` or `Json.Decode.Pipeline`. Here is my starting point using Pipeline:

```

decodeData : Decode.Value -&gt; String
decodeData json =
  Pipeline.requiredAt [ "value" ] Decode.string

```

... It obviously doesn't work.

U3SJEDR96 : Right; so you can think of a `Decoder a` as a function `Value -> Result String a`. The only ways of calling that function is by using `decodeString` or `decodeValue` on a string representing some json, or an actual json value. The result it returns a result is because decoding can fail, if the json is malformed or doesn't match the structure you describe in Elm

U2D7NUGS1 : Makes sense.

U3SJEDR96 : so how you generally handle this, is by writing a decoder that matches the structure you expect. In this case, `myDecoder = Decode.field "value" Decode.string`. You'd then use that like `decodeString myDecoder ""` { "value": "The string I want" } ""`

U3SJEDR96 : the above should actually work in the repl, too :slightly_smiling_face:

U2D7NUGS1 : Ok, thanks. I think the missing part on my side was `decodeValue`. I'll try and probably get back when I hit another wall :slightly_smiling_face:

U2D7NUGS1 : Yup, I got it. For reference, here is my initial implementation: ``decodeData : Decode.Value -> String`

```

decodeData json =
  case Decode.decodeValue (<http://Decode.at|Decode.at> [ "statuz" ] Decode.string) json of
    Ok value -&gt;
      value

    Err message -&gt;
      message

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U2D7NUGS1 : Error case handling is not perfect, but it's a good starting point.

U3SJEDR96 : So for what it's worth, I'm trying to gain more insight into how people learn writing JSON decoders, and I've set up a project where I aim to introduce the required concepts one by one. If you're interested, I've _love_ if you could fork <<https://github.com/zwilias/elm-demystify-decoders>> and commit your solutions :slightly_smiling_face:

U2D7NUGS1 : Oh, that is super awesome!

U2D7NUGS1 : The thing is that on Thursday I'm giving a presentation about Elm for local meetup group and now I'm frantically preparing. So can't promise anything. I'll put a reminder for that in my calendar and get back to, probably later next week.

U3SJEDR96 : No rush, really, but I'd massively appreciate it :slightly_smiling_face:

U2D7NUGS1 : I really think it's a great initiative. I'm one of those who learn by experimenting, so I'll gladly help you.

U2D7NUGS1 : Just coming two weeks will be very intensive for me.

U2D7NUGS1 : I really appreciate your help.

U2D7NUGS1 : Are you Dutch?