

# Working With JSON Data in Python

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Since its inception, [JSON](#) has quickly become the de facto standard for information exchange. Chances are you're here because you need to transport some data from here to there. Perhaps you're gathering information through an [API](#) or storing your data in a [document database](#). One way or another, you're up to your neck in JSON, and you've got to Python your way out.

Luckily, this is a pretty common task, and—as with most common tasks—Python makes it almost disgustingly easy. Have no fear, fellow Pythoners and Pythonistas. This one's gonna be a breeze!

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**So, we use JSON to store and exchange data?** Yup, you got it! It’s nothing more than a standardized format the community uses to pass data around. Keep in mind, JSON isn’t the only format available for this kind of work, but [XML](#) and [YAML](#) are probably the only other ones worth mentioning in the same breath.

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## A (Very) Brief History of JSON

Not so surprisingly, JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) is a language for dealing with object literal syntax. They’ve has long since become language agnostic for the sake of this discussion.

Ultimately, the community at large adopted it to understand.

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```

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## Look, it’s JSON!

Get ready. I’m about to show you some JSON. It’s supposed to be readable by anyone who’s used a C-style language, and Python is a C-style language...so that’s you!

```
JSON
{
  "firstName": "Jane",
  "lastName": "Doe",
  "hobbies": ["running", "sky diving", "singing"],
  "age": 35,
  "children": [
    {
      "firstName": "Alice",
      "age": 6
    },
    {
      "firstName": "Bob",
      "age": 8
    }
  ]
}
```

As you can see, JSON supports primitive types, like strings and numbers, as well as nested lists and objects.

**Wait, that looks like a Python dictionary!** I know, right? It’s pretty much universal object notation at this point, but I don’t think UON rolls off the tongue quite as nicely. Feel free to discuss alternatives in the comments.

Whew! You survived your first encounter with some wild JSON. Now you just need to learn how to tame it.

## Python Supports JSON Natively!

Python comes with a built-in package called [json](#) for encoding and decoding JSON data.

Just throw this little guy up at the top of your file:

```
Python
import json
```

### A Little Vocabulary

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The process of encoding JSON is usually called **serialization**. This term refers to the transformation of data into a *series of bytes* (hence *serial*) to be stored or transmitted across a network. You may also hear the term **marshaling**, but that’s [a whole other discussion](#). Naturally, **deserialization** is the reciprocal process of decoding data that has been stored or delivered in the JSON standard.

**Yikes! That sounds pretty technical.** Definitely. But in reality, all we’re talking about here is *reading* and *writing*. Think of it like this: *encoding* is for *writing* data to disk, while *decoding* is for *reading* data into memory.

## Serializing JSON

What happens after a computer process library exposes the `dump()` method for writing to a Python string.

Simple Python objects are translated to

Python	
dict	
list, tuple	array
str	string
int, long, float	number
True	true
False	false
None	null

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## A Simple Serialization Example

Imagine you’re working with a Python object in memory that looks a little something like this:

Python

```
data = {
    "president": {
        "name": "Zaphod Beeblebrox",
        "species": "Betelgeusian"
    }
}
```

It is critical that you save this information to disk, so your mission is to write it to a file.

Using Python’s context manager, you can create a file called `data_file.json` and open it in write mode. (JSON files conveniently end in a `.json` extension.)

Python

```
with open("data_file.json", "w") as write_file:
    json.dump(data, write_file)
```

Note that `dump()` takes two positional arguments: (1) the data object to be serialized, and (2) the file-like object to which the bytes will be written.

Or, if you were so inclined as to continue using this serialized JSON data in your program, you could write it to a native Python `str` object.

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Python

```
json_string = json.dumps(data)
```

Notice that the file-like object is absent since you aren’t actually writing to disk. Other than that, `dumps()` is just like `dump()`.

Hooray! You’ve birthed some baby JSON, and you’re ready to release it out into the wild to grow big and strong.

### Some Useful Keyword Arguments

Remember, JSON is meant to be easily readable together. Plus you’ve probably got a different preference when it’s formatted to your liking.

**NOTE:** Both the `dump()` and `dumps()`

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The first option most people want to change is the indentation size for nested structures. Check out the `indent` keyword argument and running the following commands in

Python

```
>>> json.dumps(data)
>>> json.dumps(data, indent=4)
```

>>>

Another formatting option is the `separators` keyword argument. By default, this is a 2-tuple of the separator strings `(", ", ": ")`, but a common alternative for compact JSON is `(",", ":")`. Take a look at the sample JSON again to see where these separators come into play.

There are others, like `sort_keys`, but I have no idea what that one does. You can find a whole list in the [docs](#) if you’re curious.

### Deserializing JSON

Great, looks like you’ve captured yourself some wild JSON! Now it’s time to whip it into shape. In the `json` library, you’ll find `load()` and `loads()` for turning JSON encoded data into Python objects.

Just like serialization, there is a simple conversion table for deserialization, though you can probably guess what it looks like already.

JSON	Python
object	dict
array	list
string	str
number (int)	int
number (real)	float
true	True
false	False
null	None

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Technically, this conversion isn’t a perfect inverse to the serialization table. That basically means that if you encode an object now and then decode it again later, you may not get exactly the same object back. I imagine it’s a bit like teleportation: break my molecules down over here and put them back together over there. Am I still the same person?

In reality, it’s probably more like getting one friend to translate something into Japanese and another friend to translate it back into English. Regardless, the simplest example would be encoding a `tuple` and getting back a `list` after decoding, like so:



Python

```
>>> blackjack_hand = (8, "Q")
>>> encoded_hand = json.dumps(blackjack_hand)
>>> decoded_hand = json.loads(encoded_hand)

>>> blackjack_hand == decoded_hand
False
>>> type(blackjack_hand)
<class 'tuple'>
>>> type(decoded_hand)
<class 'list'>
>>> blackjack_hand == tuple(decoded_hand)
True
```

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## A Simple Deserialization Example

This time, imagine you’ve got some data stored on disk that you’d like to manipulate in memory. You’ll still use the context manager, but this time you’ll open up the existing `data_file.json` in read mode.

Python

```
with open("data_file.json", "r") as read_file:
    data = json.load(read_file)
```

Things are pretty straightforward here, but keep in mind that the result of this method could return any of the allowed data types from the conversion table. This is only important if you’re loading in data you haven’t seen before. In most cases, the root object will be a `dict` or a `list`.

If you’ve pulled JSON data in from another program or have otherwise obtained a string of JSON formatted data in Python, you can easily deserialize that with `loads()`, which naturally loads from a string:

Python

```
json_string = """
{
  "researcher": {
    "name": "Ford Prefect",
    "species": "Betelgeusian",
    "relatives": [
      {
        "name": "Zaphod Beeblebrox",
        "species": "Betelgeusian"
      }
    ]
  }
}
"""
data = json.loads(json_string)
```

Voilà! You’ve tamed the wild JSON, and now it’s under your control. But what you do with that power is up to you. You could feed it, nurture it, and even teach it tricks. It’s not that I don’t trust you...but keep it on a leash, okay?

## A Real World Example (sort of)

For your introductory example, you’ll use [JSONPlaceholder](#), a great source of fake JSON data for practice purposes.

First create a script file called `scratch.py`, or whatever you want. I can’t really stop you.

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You'll need to make an API request to the JSONPlaceholder service, so just use the [requests](#) package to do the heavy lifting. Add these imports at the top of your file:

Python

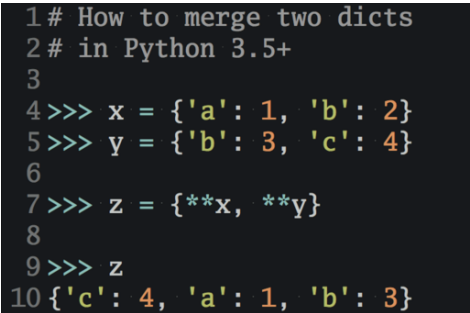
```
import json
import requests
```

Now, you're going to be working with a list of TODOs cuz like...you know, it's a rite of passage or whatever.

Go ahead and make a request to the JSONPlaceholder API for the `/todos` endpoint. If you're unfamiliar with requests, there's actually a handy `json` library to deserialize the text attril

Python

```
response = requests.get("https://
todos = json.loads(response.text)
```



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You don't believe this works? Fine, run the type of todos. If you're feeling adventurous

Python

```
>>> todos == response.json()
True
>>> type(todos)
<class 'list'>
>>> todos[:10]
...
```

See, I wouldn't lie to you, but I'm glad you're a skeptic.

**What's interactive mode?** Ah, I thought you'd never ask! You know how you're always jumping back and forth between the your editor and the terminal? Well, us sneaky Pythoneers use the `-i` interactive flag when we run the script. This is a great little trick for testing code because it runs the script and then opens up an interactive command prompt with access to all the data from the script!

All right, time for some action. You can see the structure of the data by visiting the [endpoint](#) in a browser, but here's a sample TODO:

JSON

```
{
  "userId": 1,
  "id": 1,
  "title": "delectus aut autem",
  "completed": false
}
```

There are multiple users, each with a unique `userId`, and each task has a Boolean `completed` property. Can you determine which users have completed the most tasks?

Python

```

# Map of userId to number of complete TODOs for that user
todos_by_user = {}

# Increment complete TODOs count for each user.
for todo in todos:
    if todo["completed"]:
        try:
            # Increment the existing user's count.
            todos_by_user[todo["userId"]] += 1
        except KeyError:
            # This user has not been seen. Set their count to 1.
            todos_by_user[todo["userId"]] = 1

# Create a sorted list of (userId, num_complete)
top_users = sorted(todos_by_user.items(),
                    key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)

# Get the maximum number of completed TODOs (for the users with the max count)
max_complete = top_users[0][1]

# Create a list of all users who have completed max_complete TODOs
users = []
for user, num_complete in top_users:
    if num_complete < max_complete:
        break
    users.append(str(user))

max_users = " and ".join(users)

```

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Yeah, yeah, your implementation is better, but the point is, you can now manipulate the JSON data as a normal Python object!

I don't know about you, but when I run the script interactively again, I get the following results:

Python

>>>

```

>>> s = "s" if len(users) > 1 else ""
>>> print(f"user{s} {max_users} completed {max_complete} TODOs")
users 5 and 10 completed 12 TODOs

```

That's cool and all, but you're here to learn about JSON. For your final task, you'll create a JSON file that contains the **completed** TODOs for each of the users who completed the maximum number of TODOs.

All you need to do is filter todos and write the resulting list to a file. For the sake of originality, you can call the output file `filtered_data_file.json`. There are many ways you could go about this, but here's one:

Python

```

# Define a function to filter out completed TODOs
# of users with max completed TODOs.
def keep(todo):
    is_complete = todo["completed"]
    has_max_count = str(todo["userId"]) in users
    return is_complete and has_max_count

# Write filtered TODOs to file.
with open("filtered_data_file.json", "w") as data_file:
    filtered_todos = list(filter(keep, todos))
    json.dump(filtered_todos, data_file, indent=2)

```

Perfect, you've gotten rid of all the data you don't need and saved the good stuff to a brand new file! Run the script again and check out `filtered_data_file.json` to verify everything worked. It'll be in the same directory as `scratch.py` when you run it.

Now that you've made it this far, I bet you're feeling like some pretty hot stuff, right? Don't get cocky: humility is a virtue. I am inclined to agree with you though. So far, it's been smooth sailing, but you might want to batten down the hatches for this last leg of the journey.

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# Encoding and Decoding Custom Python Objects

What happens when we try to serialize the `Elf` class from that Dungeons & Dragons app you're working on?

Python

```
class Elf:
    def __init__(self, level, ability_scores=None):
        self.level = level
        self.ability_scores = {
            "str": 11, "dex": 12, "con": 10,
            "int": 16, "wis": 14, "cha": 13
        } if ability_scores is None else ability_scores
        self.hp = 10 + self.ability_scores["str"]
```

Not so surprisingly, Python complains (otherwise):

Python

```
>>> elf = Elf(level=4)
>>> json.dumps(elf)
TypeError: Object of type 'Elf' is not JSON serializable
```

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Although the `json` module can handle most built-in Python types, it doesn't understand how to encode customized data types by default. It's like trying to fit a square peg in a round hole—you need a buzzsaw and parental supervision.

## Simplifying Data Structures

Now, the question is how to deal with more complex data structures. Well, you could try to encode and decode the JSON by hand, but there's a slightly more clever solution that'll save you some work. Instead of going straight from the custom data type to JSON, you can throw in an intermediary step.

All you need to do is represent your data in terms of the built-in types `json` already understands. Essentially, you translate the more complex object into a simpler representation, which the `json` module then translates into JSON. It's like the transitive property in mathematics: if  $A = B$  and  $B = C$ , then  $A = C$ .

To get the hang of this, you'll need a complex object to play with. You could use any custom class you like, but Python has a built-in type called `complex` for representing complex numbers, and it isn't serializable by default. So, for the sake of these examples, your complex object is going to be a `complex` object. Confused yet?

Python

>>>

```
>>> z = 3 + 8j
>>> type(z)
<class 'complex'>
>>> json.dumps(z)
TypeError: Object of type 'complex' is not JSON serializable
```

**Where do complex numbers come from?** You see, when a real number and an imaginary number love each other very much, they add together to produce a number which is (justifiably) called [complex](#).

A good question to ask yourself when working with custom types is **What is the minimum amount of information necessary to recreate this object?** In the case of complex numbers, you only need to know the real and imaginary parts, both of which you can access as attributes on the `complex` object:

Python

>>>

```
>>> z.real
3.0
>>> z.imag
8.0
```

Passing the same numbers into a `complex` constructor is enough to satisfy the `__eq__` comparison operator:

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Python

>>>

>>> complex(3, 8) == z  
True

Breaking custom data types down into their essential components is critical to both the serialization and deserialization processes.

## Encoding Custom Types

To translate a custom object into JSON, default parameter. The json module w simple decoding function you can use fc

Python

def encode\_complex(z):  
 if isinstance(z, complex):  
 return (z.real, z.imag)  
 else:  
 type\_name = z.\_\_class\_\_.\_\_name\_\_  
 raise TypeError(f"Object of type {type\_name} is not JSON serializable")

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Notice that you’re expected to raise a TypeError if you don’t get the kind of object you were expecting. This way, you avoid accidentally serializing any Elves. Now you can try encoding complex objects for yourself!

Python

>>>

>>> json.dumps(9 + 5j, default=encode\_complex)  
'[9.0, 5.0]'  
>>> json.dumps(elf, default=encode\_complex)  
TypeError: Object of type 'Elf' is not JSON serializable

**Why did we encode the complex number as a tuple?** Great question! That certainly wasn’t the only choice, nor is it necessarily the best choice. In fact, this wouldn’t be a very good representation if you ever wanted to decode the object later, as you’ll see shortly.

The other common approach is to subclass the standard JSONEncoder and override its default() method:

Python

class ComplexEncoder(json.JSONEncoder):  
 def default(self, z):  
 if isinstance(z, complex):  
 return (z.real, z.imag)  
 else:  
 return super().default(z)

Instead of raising the TypeError yourself, you can simply let the base class handle it. You can use this either directly in the dump() method via the cls parameter or by creating an instance of the encoder and calling its encode() method:

Python

>>>

>>> json.dumps(2 + 5j, cls=ComplexEncoder)  
'[2.0, 5.0]'  
  
>>> encoder = ComplexEncoder()  
>>> encoder.encode(3 + 6j)  
'[3.0, 6.0]'

## Decoding Custom Types

While the real and imaginary parts of a complex number are absolutely necessary, they are actually not quite sufficient to recreate the object. This is what happens when you try encoding a complex number with the ComplexEncoder and then decoding the result:

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Python

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```
>>> complex_json = json.dumps(4 + 17j, cls=ComplexEncoder)
>>> json.loads(complex_json)
[4.0, 17.0]
```

All you get back is a list, and you'd have to pass the values into a complex constructor if you wanted that complex object again. Recall our discussion about [teleportation](#). What's missing is *metadata*, or information about the type of data you're encoding.

I suppose the question you really ought

**necessary and sufficient to recreate this**

The json module expects all custom typ  
create a JSON file this time called comp1

JSON

```
{
  "__complex__": true,
  "real": 42,
  "imag": 36
}
```

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See the clever bit? That `"__complex__"` key is the metadata we just talked about. It doesn't really matter what the associated value is. To get this little hack to work, all you need to do is verify that the key exists:

Python

```
def decode_complex(dct):
    if "__complex__" in dct:
        return complex(dct["real"], dct["imag"])
    return dct
```

If `"__complex__"` isn't in the dictionary, you can just return the object and let the default decoder deal with it.

Every time the `load()` method attempts to parse an object, you are given the opportunity to intercede before the default decoder has its way with the data. You can do this by passing your decoding function to the `object_hook` parameter.

Now play the same kind of game as before:

Python

&gt;&gt;&gt;

```
>>> with open("complex_data.json") as complex_data:
...     data = complex_data.read()
...     z = json.loads(data, object_hook=decode_complex)
...
>>> type(z)
<class 'complex'>
```

While `object_hook` might feel like the counterpart to the `dump()` method's default parameter, the analogy really begins and ends there.

This doesn't just work with one object either. Try putting this list of complex numbers into `complex_data.json` and running the script again:

JSON

```
[
  {
    "__complex__":true,
    "real":42,
    "imag":36
  },
  {
    "__complex__":true,
    "real":64,
    "imag":11
  }
]
```

If all goes well, you’ll get a list of complex numbers:

```
Python
>>> with open("complex_data.json") as f:
...     data = complex_data.read(f)
...     numbers = json.loads(data)
...
>>> numbers
[(42+36j), (64+11j)]
```

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You could also try subclassing `JSONDecoder` and overriding `object_hook`, but it’s better to stick with the lightweight solution whenever possible.

## All done!

Congratulations, you can now wield the mighty power of JSON for any and all of your nefarious Python needs.


While the examples you’ve worked with here are certainly contrived and overly simplistic, they illustrate a workflow you can apply to more general tasks:

1. Import the `json` package.
2. Read the data with `load()` or `loads()`.
3. Process the data.
4. Write the altered data with `dump()` or `dumps()`.



What you do with your data once it’s been loaded into memory will depend on your use case. Generally, your goal will be gathering data from a source, extracting useful information, and passing that information along or keeping a record of it.

Today you took a journey: you captured and tamed some wild JSON, and you made it back in time for supper! As an added bonus, learning the `json` package will make learning [pickle](#) and [marshal](#) a snap.

Good luck with all of your future Pythonic endeavors!

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Sorry, but it hurts my eyes to see that ugly try/except k  
collections.defaultdict(int)

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 **Roland**  bulletmark • 9 months ago

Yeap, way more prettier:


```
users = defaultdict(int)
for todo in todos:
    if todo["completed"]:
        users[todo["userId"]] += 1
```

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 **ItAintNothinJosh** • 2 months ago


I wasn't smart enough for this tut

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 **Wang** • a year ago


I love this websites! It is really he

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 **Sandeep** • 23 days ago



Hi I am working on the automatic sheet but i am unable to add the out with this. Even though i am a

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 **Chris** • a month ago



Yeah, but how do you serialize the elf?

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 **Anthony Shaw**  Chris • a month ago


json.dumps(elf.\_\_dict\_\_)


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 **Chris**  Anthony Shaw • a month ago


Rad. I was looking for a way to use JSON and python to track NPC states, and that elf example just made my eyes light up.

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 **tony** • 2 months ago



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 **tony** • 2 months ago

def check\_response(response):  
 '''this function is checking the kind fo response we get from the url requested'''  
 try:  
 if response.status\_code == 200:  
 print("success! 200")  
 return response  
 elif response.status\_code == 204:  
 print('success but no content! 204')  
 return response  
 elif response.status\_code == 304:  
 print('success but not modified 304')

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```
return response
else:
    print('not found!')
    return {"": ""}
except ConnectionError:
    print("oOps Bad stuff")
    return {"": ""}
```

see more

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**tony** • 2 months ago

Hi there, thanks for the great wor

I wonder if you know what can p

Traceback (most recent call last)  
File "c:\Users\Tony\Documents\h  
data = json.loads(response.text)  
File "C:\ProgramData\Anaconda  
return \_default\_decoder.decode(  
File "C:\ProgramData\Anaconda  
obj, end = self.raw\_decode(s, id  
File "C:\ProgramData\Anaconda  
raise JSONDecodeError("Expect  
json.decoder.JSONDecodeError:

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**stream dr** • 6 months ago

loved that. Excellent. Thanks

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**qbadx** • 6 months ago

Hello Python lovers,

What if I want json lines as output of a json file ? Is it even possible?

```
{
  "anything": {
    "data": [
      {
        "timestamp": "2018-10-18 16:44:52",
        "shortcode": "6003",
        "msisdn": "123456789",
        "message": "KAWABUNGA"
      },
      {
        "timestamp": "2018-10-18 16:45:30",
        "shortcode": "6003",
        "msisdn": "987654321",
        "message": "YABADABADOOO"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

to become this

```
{"timestamp": "2018-10-18 16:44:52", "shortcode": "6003", "msisdn": "123456789", "message": "KAWABUNGA"}
{"timestamp": "2018-10-18 16:45:30", "shortcode": "6003", "msisdn": "987654321", "message": "YABADABADOOO"}
```

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**Olivier Galand** • 7 months ago

Thanks for the hint, I have a subsidiary question on Custom type encoding/decoding. If you have a class1 containing another class2 in attribute, is it possible to define 2 encoding functions (one for each class) and call dumps() with default=encode\_class1 ? (I doubt it works) or should we define an encode\_all\_custom\_class containing a switch on class name (and doing the relevant encoding on each class type) ?

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**Olivier Galand** ➔ Olivier Galand • 7 months ago

Replying to myself , I did a few check at home and internet (for jsonizable fct trick) , I guess the following code could be a starting point for encoding custom classes (included nested custom classes), feel free to comment / debug / remark if i've made a mistake : (edit also added the decoding method and it seems i get back my classes)

```
#!/usr/bin/python3
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
```

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```
import json
import sys

def jsonizable(x):
    try:
        json.dumps(x)
        return True
    except:
        return False

def str_to_class(classname):
    return getattr(sys.modules[__name__], classname)
```

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**duhovnik** • 7 months ago

to cycle through the items you need  
todos = json.loads(response.text)  
for todo in todos:  
 print (todo['nameOfyouritem'])

you can assign that value to a python variable

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**AreRex** • 10 months ago

Not quite understand yet about everything

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**Michael Smith** • 10 months ago

hello, I wrote a JSON code using sublime, I am trying to use python to exchange it with amazon cloud AWS / transfer it to AWS.

how I can do it ?

Thank you.  
Michael.

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**Truong Duc** → Michael Smith • 8 months ago

You shouldn't use sublime to write, you should use pycharm or IDE of python!

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**Blake Burgess** • 10 months ago

ION - Intuitive Object Notation  
or  
AEON - All-Embracing Object Notation

Maybe?

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**NPalopoli** • a year ago

Nice tutorial! Thank you for the time and effort put into it.  
Small but important typo correction: In the dummy JSON example at the beginning, you are missing a comma after:  
"age": 35

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**Dan Bader** Mod → NPalopoli • a year ago

Hey thanks for the heads up—just fixed it :-)

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**Gamal Ali** • a year ago

How sure are you that it isn't supposed to be

```
`has_max_count = str(todo['userId']) in max_users` ?
```

Otherwise you guys are comparing a number to a string and will never receive `True`

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**KELVIN TAN** → Gamal Ali • 9 months ago

yes, I encountered that too. I think we need to have that str() command inserted. Thanks.

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**Paul Hewlett** • a year ago

Something to watch out for if the sort\_keys=True is set  
keys then an exception is generated. Python3 removed it

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Andrew Sitaev • 5 months ago

Is there any way to serialize / deserialize "complex" objects **without** writing a serializer for each class?

It is a **very lame** solution. For me (C#, Javascript) JSON serialization has always been a simple and short routine like:

```
str = JsonConvert.Serialize(my_complex_object_with_lists_and_dictionaries_of_objects_and_recursive_structures)
```

E.g., in C# I have a Newtonsoft.JSON "package" that does all the magic, and does it nice.  
Javascript - "native" support.

Is there similar package for pythc

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KELVIN TAN • 9 months ago

On the last part on:

```
# Write filtered TODOs to file.
with open("filtered_data_file.json"
filtered_todos = list(filter(keep, to
json.dump(filtered_todos, data_fi
Why is my filtered_data_file.json
```

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Truong Duc → KELVIN TAN •

I figure out! You should look carefully, each of element of list of users is dict, so you should change to int and you will see the result!

Or you code like this:

```
has_max_count = str(todo['userId'])
```

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Monika Zarini → Truong Duc • 8 months ago

```
has_max_count = str(todo['userId']) in users
```

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