## File Parse & Transform

Parse and transform a structured flat file into various formats: xml, xls, csv, txt. All rules and settings for Parsing & Transformation are defined in json config file.

## **Parsing:**

- Defines certain fields that have to be transformed
- Restricts exported dataset with a list of values
- Validates certain fields against specific datatype (date, time, number)
- Reorders the exported fields
- Rejects unstructured parts of the file

## **Transformation:**

- Defines output file (path, extensions)
- Defines fields titles handling (include or not)
- Defines separator (eg for CSV)
- Defines rowid handling (add or not)

# **Prerequisite:**

- File should have defined structure (it can be some log file or migration structured data file)
- Fields separator should be defined, else blank will be used as a separator

File example: <JobDaemon.log>

```
JobDaemon.log
Plugins supporting *.log files found.
The file size (10,49 MB) exceeds the configured limit (2,56 MB). Code insight features are not available.
          10.07.2019 06:50:14 DEBUG BatchPlSqlUtil - prepared stmt executed
               .2019 06:50:14 DEBUG BatchPlSqlUtil - prepareRequest(
          jobSeq = 96718993
          usr = UPHE_BATCH
          text1 = BDS_ORDERTAP_CALC_PKG.PROCESS_QUEUE('UPH','$','KFR',TRUE,NULL,'<OPTIONS>ORDERTAP_STD_ORDER
          fileName =
          destination =
          text2 =
          job = BDS_ORDERTAP_CALC_PKG.PROCESS_
          status= 0
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          startAt = null
          reqType = DBJOB
          10.07.2019 06:50:14 ERROR BatchPlSqlUtil - call prepared registered
          10.07.2019 06:50:14 DEBUG BatchPlSqlUtil - prepared stmt executed
          1 07.2019 06:50:14 INFO DBJobRequest - process: start
          10.07.2019 06:50:14 DEBUG BatchPlSqlUtil - dispatchDBJob()
          10.07.2019 06:50:14 ERROR BatchPlSqlUtil - call prepared registered
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          10.07.2019 06:50:14 DEBUG BatchPlSqlUtil - prepared stmt executed
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```

#### Sctructure:

- 4 fields are defined:
- -Date (date)
- -Time (datetime)
- -MesageType (string)
- -MessageText (string)

Separator is Blank (null)

Config file <flat.json> (has to be validated - https://codebeautify.org/jsonvalidator)

**Transformation settings:** 

```
flat.json
          "input": {"filename":"./input/JobDaemon.log", "separator": null},
         "path": "./output",
          "output": {
            "txt": {
             "filename": "job_daemon.txt",
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            "xls": {
             "incl_titles": true,
             "ext": "xlsx",
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             "filename": "JOB_daemon.csv",
             "separator": "|",
             "incl_rowid": tr
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             "filename": "/work/Transformation/output/JOB_DAEMON.xml",
             "element": "Logs",
              "SubElement": "Data",
              "incl_rowid": tru
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              "title": "Date",
              "export":
```

Defines the data export settings (eg: export type, filenames, files elements, some other constraints).

- input: hash, that describes input file to be transformed (filename and fields separator, if any)
- filename: input filename. If no path provided then path is current dir, ie /
- **separator**: fields separator of input file, possible values: ("/t" tab, "|" pipe, null blank)
- path: directory, where all output files will be stored (used, if not explicitly set per type hash below)
  - > it is possible to use UNIX ("/") style (it will be converted to Win style if running from Win)
  - > if path starts with root (/work/) this will be automatically substituted with c:\work in Win
- output: hash, that defines exported type's setting. Keys in types hashes are not mandatory.
  - **-filename**: output filename. If not defined, input filename is used with extension (ext). If file is defined, but without full dir, then global path in previous key (path) will be used
  - -incl titles: includes fields titles, defined in fields/title setting (see Parsing Rules below)
    - true => export also fields titles in exported file
    - false => export data without titles (default)
  - -ext: file extension. Used only if filename is not provided explicitly. If ext key is not given, then "type" is used as extension (ie for xls: extension will be xls and not xlsx)
  - -skip: avoid exporting
    - true => skip exporting to the given format
    - false => do export (default)
  - **-separator**: fields separator on output file (utilized only in csv export). Default: blank
  - -element: xml root element name (default: Log)
  - -SubElement: xml subelement name (default: Data)

-incl rowid: add extra field "rowid" (row counter) as the first column in the exported file true => add rowid fields in the beginning false => do not add rowid and leave as it is (default)

Parse settings:

```
🚮 flat.json
            "fields": [
               "title": "Date",
                "filter": ["10.07.2019"],
                "type": ["date", "validate=yes", "%d.%m.%Y"]
               "id": 3,
"title": "Time",
               "export": true,
"filter": null,
                "type": ["time", "validate=yes", "%H:%M:%S"]
               "title": "MessageType",
               "filter": ["INFO", "ERROR"],
               "type": ["string", "validate=no", null]
               "id": 4,
"title": "MessageText",
               "export": true,
"filter": null,
               "type": ["string", "validate=no", null]
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```

Defines the dataset to be transformed, with validation rules and data restriction. All settings are wrapped in the list of fields. The fields in the list are sorted based on defined file structure (see page1). Every field has its out setting/rule as a hash, that handles parsing. All keys are mandatory.

- id: sort no that handles field's position in the exported file
- title: field's title, that can be included in export (see incl. title key in Transformation rules)
- export: decides if the field should be transferred

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true => export the given field
false => do not export
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- filter: list of values, restrict the exported data and defines the dataset. From the example above: Export where Date = 10.07.2019 AND MessageType in ('INFO', 'ERROR'). If export is null then no restriction applied against the given field
- type: defines field's type and validation settings. This helps to reject all unstructered part of file (as in the sample input file, seen on the first page).

validate=yes => validate the given field value against type and format validate=no => do not validate the field (all rows will go through)

From the example above:

- field Date will be validated against DATE format DD.MM.YYYY
- field Time will be validate against DATETIME format HH24:SS:MI If validation fails, row won't be exported

## **Setup the environment**

- install Python 3.9 from https://www.python.org/downloads/

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- for xls integration, install openpyxl module (all other used modules are part of python installation) \$ pip install openpyxl

```
[2021-04-20 10:02.50] /mnt/c/python/Python39
[vkapitanets.ATPC07CECD] ➤ pip install openpyxl
Collecting openpyxl
Using cached openpyxl-3.0.7-py2.py3-none-any.whl (243 kB)
Requirement already satisfied: et-xmlfile in c:\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from openpyxl) (1.0.1)
Installing collected packages: openpyxl
Successfully installed openpyxl-3.0.7

[2021-04-20 10:03.05] /mnt/c/python/Python39
[vkapitanets.ATPC07CECD] ➤
```

- create /work/transformation and put there flat.json, parse.py, transform.py and main.py source files - create subdirs: ./input and ./output

- put JobDaemon.log file into ./input directory

```
[2021-04-20 07:47.00] /mnt/c/work/transformation
[vkapitanets.ATPC07CECD] ➤ 1s -1a ./input
total 5124
dr-xr-x--- 1 vkapitan UsersGrp 0 Apr 19 20:40 .
dr-xr-x--- 1 vkapitan UsersGrp 0 Apr 20 07:46 ..
-r-xr-x--- 1 vkapitan UsersGrp 10486114 Apr 19 16:50 JobDaemon.log

[2021-04-20 08:02.42] /mnt/c/work/transformation
[vkapitanets.ATPC07CECD] ➤ ■
```

## - run the script

```
[2021-04-20 10:11.14] /mnt/c/work/transformation
[vkapitanets.ATPC07CECD] ➤ python main.py -h

Usage:

python main.py -c <config file>

Reads config file in json format and does corresponding parsing and transformation against the file provided in the config.

Example:

python main.py -c ./flat.json
    reads flat.json from the current directory

python main.py -c ./conf/flat.json
    reads flat.json from "conf" subdirectory

python main.py -c c:\\work\\transformation\\\flat.json
    reads flat.json from "c:\\work\\transformation" directory

[2021-04-20 10:11.28] /mnt/c/work/transformation
[vkapitanets.ATPC07CECD] ➤ ■
```

```
[2021-04-20 08:03.42] /mnt/c/work/transformation
[vkapitanets.ATPC07CECD] ➤ python main.py -c ./flat.json
Export to txt was skipped
Export to xls was complete. File .\output\JobDaemon.log.xlsx
Export to csv was complete. File .\output\JOB_daemon.csv
Export to xml was complete. File c:\work\Transformation\output\JOB_DAEMON

[2021-04-20 08:04.34] /mnt/c/work/transformation
```

## - check the results

### Results:

