

HTTP, REST API, JSON & THE WEB

(ALSO REGEXES)

What happens when you press enter?



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<html>...</html>
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- Intention of requests is given by HTTP method

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- Data format: historically XML, nowadays JSON

JSON (example)

```
{  
  "course": "SPJA",  
  "teacher": "Kuba Beránek",  
  "year": 2018,  
  "attendants": ["Martin Novák", "František Dobrota"]  
}
```

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{"name": "James", "children": [...]}
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res = requests.post("github.com/users",
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POST /users HTTP/1.1  
Host: github.com
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import requests, json  
res = requests.post("github.com/users",  
    headers={"Content-Type": "application/json"},
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import requests, json
res = requests.post("github.com/users",
    headers={"Content-Type": "application/json"},
    data=json.dumps({"param": 1})
)
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res.json       # parsed JSON data
res.text       # text data
```

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Content-Type: application/json

{"param": 1}
```

OAuth client

```
$ pip install oauth2
```

```
client = create_client()  
res, data = client.request("github.com/api",  
    method="POST", headers=...)   
assert res['status'] == 200
```

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```
(?:\w|-)*@(?:\w|-)\.\w{2-4}
```

Regex intro (<https://regex101.com/>)

<code>abc</code>	match literal characters 'abc'
<code>.</code>	match anything
<code>\s</code>	match whitespace
<code>\d</code>	match digit (1, 2, etc.)
<code>[abc]</code>	match any character from the brackets (a, b or c)
<code>\d*</code>	match digit 0 or more times
<code>\d+</code>	match digit 1 or more times
<code>\d{1,3}</code>	match digit between 1-3 times
<code>(x.*)</code>	capture text inside the parantheses
<code>a b</code>	match a or b
<code>(A B)*</code>	match repeated As and Bs

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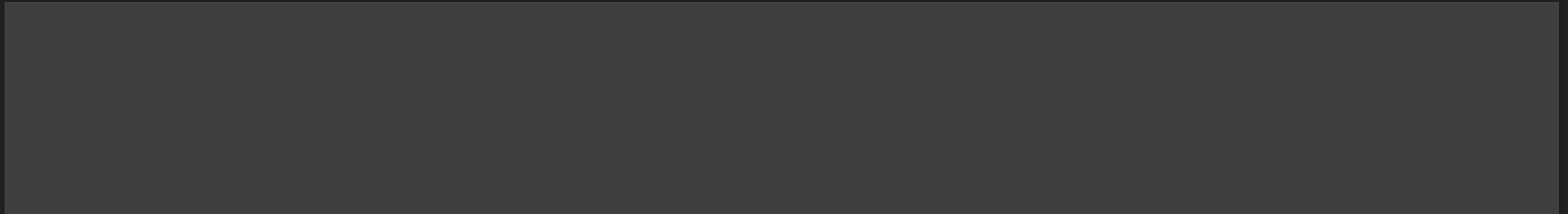
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