## Python/Web Data Course

# Structured Data

{JSON}

#### Let's watch a short video on JSON



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mj-p1Os6QA

## Review JSON

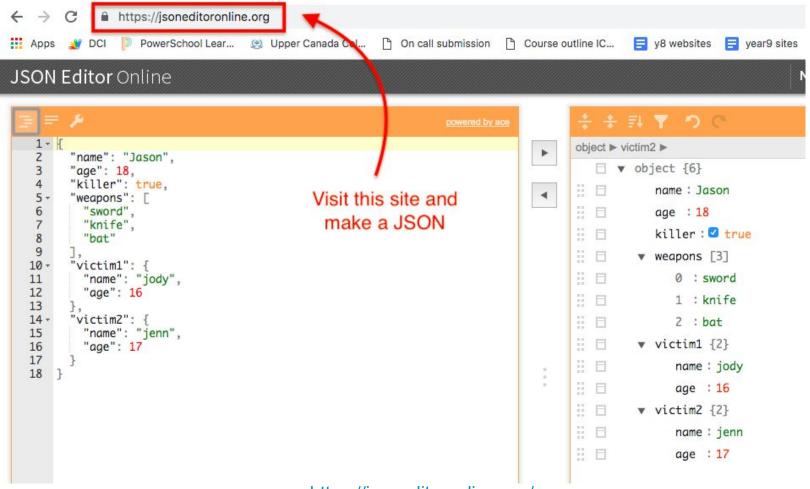


- 1. JavaScript Object Notation
- Originally to transmit data on www, now language independent
- 3. Structure is **easy to read** for humans and computers
- Compact to send through Internet

## What is JSON?

```
"arguments" : { "number"
"url" : "http://localhos
"method" : "POST",
"header" : {
  "Content-Type" : "appl:
"body" : [
   "name" : "name 0",
   "description" : "desc
   "name" : "name 1",
   "description" : "desc
"output" : "json"
                             Normal
                             People
```

```
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                     01
   name "Jason",
   age: 18,
   killer: the,
                                   02
   "weapons": ["sword", "knife", "b
   "victim1": { "name": "jody", age:
16},
   "victim2": {"name":"jenn", age:
17},
     04
```



https://jsoneditoronline.org/

#### **Review Questions**

- What does the acronym JSON stand for?
- 2. What is JSON?
- 3. What is the main purpose of JSON?
- 4. What languages can JSON be used with?
- 5. What tool can be used to ensure JSON validity?
- 6. Which data types can be inside a JSON structure?

### Ex. 1 - Download student data (data.json)

- 1. Navigate to <a href="https://mdjhoel.github.io/datacourse/">https://mdjhoel.github.io/datacourse/</a>
- 2. Right click and download data.json to your new "work" folder

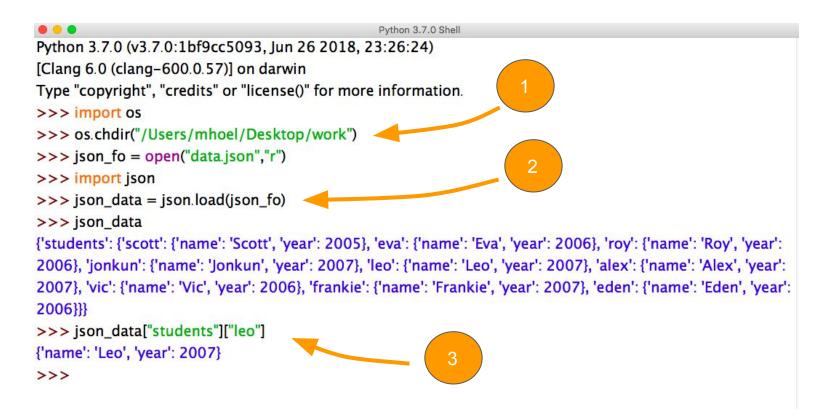
## Ex. 1 - Read in text file and load as a JSON object

1. Type the following commands into the Python interpreter shell

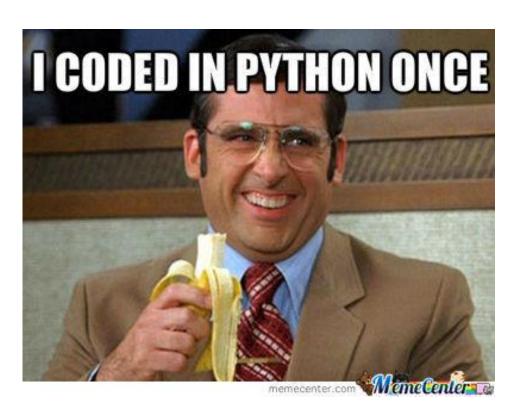
```
>>> import os
>>> chdir("/Users/mhoel/Desktop/work")
>>> json_fo = open("data.json","r")
>>> import json
>>> json_data = json.load(json_fo)
>>> json_data["students"]
>>> json_fo.close()
```

3. What do you think will happen at each stage?

#### Ex 1. Results and Questions



#### Good Job! Now it time for a harder one!



#### Ex. 2 - Problem

Write a program that will **input** data.json, **process** the data to find students who were born in years equal or less than 2006 and **output** only these names to the screen.

#### HINT:

You need to use an *if statement* and maybe use int() to convert string data to numbers to do the math

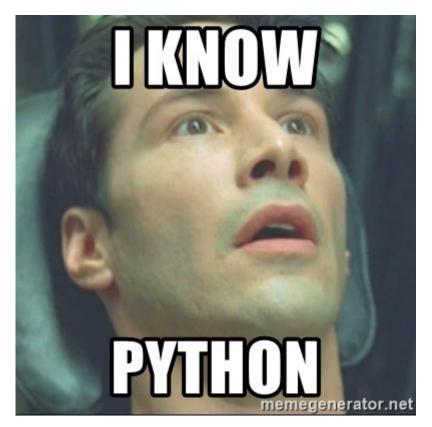
### Ex. 2 Results and Questions

```
>>> import os
>>> os.chdir("/Users/mhoel/Desktop/work")
>>> file_input = open("data.json")
>>> import json
>>> data = json.load(file_input)
>>> data
>>> for student in data["students"]:
          if (int(data["students"][student]["year"]) <= 2006):</pre>
                      print(student)
```

roy vic

scott

## Good Job! Now it time for writing files!



## Adding and deleting elements to json in Python

1. To open a file object for reading & add element and then delete it

```
>>> import os
>>> chdir("/Users/mhoel/Desktop/work")
>>> json fo = open("data.json","r")
>>> import json
>>> json data = json.load(json fo)
>>> json fo.close()
>>> json data
>>> json data["students"]["joe"] = {"name": "joe", "year": 2007}
>>> json data
>>> del json data["students"]["joe"]
>>> json data
```

### Review and questions

```
>>> data["students"]["joe"] = {"name": "joe", "year": 2007}
>>> data
{'students': {'scott': {'name': 'Scott', 'year': 2005}, 'eva': {'name': 'Eva', 'year': 2006}, 'roy': {'name': 'Roy', 'year':
2006}, 'jonkun': {'name': 'Jonkun', 'year': 2007}, 'leo': {'name': 'Leo', 'year': 2007}, 'alex': {'name': 'Alex', 'year':
2007}, 'vic': {'name': 'Vic', 'year': 2006}, 'frankie': {'name': 'Frankie', 'year': 2007}, 'eden': {'name': 'Eden', 'year':
2006}, 'joe': {'name': 'joe', 'year': 2007}}}
>>>
>>>
>>> del data["students"]["joe"]
>>> data
{'students': {'scott': {'name': 'Scott', 'year': 2( 2 ) va': {'name': 'Eva', 'year': 2006}, 'roy': {'name': 'Roy', 'year':
2006}, 'jonkun': {'name': 'Jonkun', 'year': 2007}, 'eo': {'name': 'Leo', 'year': 2007}, 'alex': {'name': 'Alex', 'year':
2007}, 'vic': {'name': 'Vic', 'year': 2006}, 'frankie': {'name': 'Frankie', 'year': 2007}, 'eden': {'name': 'Eden', 'year':
2006}}}
```

## "Pretty" write json to a new file with Python

1. Convert a json object to a string and write to a new file with 3 char indent

```
>>> import os
>>> chdir("/Users/mhoel/Desktop/work")
>>> json fo = open("data.json","r")
>>> import json
>>> data = json.load(json fo)
>>> json fo.close()
>>> data["students"]["joe"] = {"name": "joe", "year": 2007}
>>> newfile = open("newdata.json","w")
>>> dumper = json.dumps(data,indent=3)
>>> newfile.write(dumper)
>>> newfile.close()
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>>> newfile.close()

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```

```
>>> dumper = json.dumps(data,indent=3)
>>> dumper
'{\n "students": {\n "scott": {\n "name": "Scott",\n "year": 2005\n },\n "eva": {\n "name":
"Eva",\n "year": 2006\n },\n "roy": {\n "name": "Roy",\n "year": 2006\n },\n "jonkun": {
\n "name": "Jonkun",\n "year": 2007\n },\n "leo": {\n "name": "Leo",\n "year": 2007\n
},\n "alex": {\n "name": "Alex",\n "year": 2007\n },\n "vic": {\n "name": "Vic",\n
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ar": 2006\n },\n "frankie": {\n "name": "Frankie",\n "year": 2007\n },\n "eden": {\n "n
ame": "Eden",\n "year": 2006\n },\n "joe": {\n "name": "joe",\n "year": 2007\n }\n }\n}'
>>> newfile = open("newdata.json","w")
>>> newfile.write(dumper)
```

## Notice the pretty indent (3 characters)

```
newdata.json — work
        "students": {
           "scott": {
              "name": "Scott",
              "year": 2005
           },
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           "eva": {
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              "name": "Eva",
              "year": 2006
           },
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           "roy": {
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              "name": "Roy",
              "year": 2006
14 ▲
15 W
           "jonkun": {
              "name": "Jonkun",
              "year": 2007
18 ▲
           },
           "leo": {
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              "name": "Leo",
              "year": 2007
22 ▲
           },
           "alex": {
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              "name": "Alex",
```

#### Homework

- 1. Navigate to <a href="https://github.com/jdorfman/awesome-json-datasets">https://github.com/jdorfman/awesome-json-datasets</a>
- 2. Review the available json datasets online
- 3. Right click and download your favourites to your "work" folder
- 4. Paste the json data into <a href="https://jsoneditoronline.org/">https://jsoneditoronline.org/</a> and review it
- 5. Prepare to talk about your favourite json dataset next class

## Homework - Pokemon Video Game Example

