



# liberty2json-python

GitHub Link : <https://github.com/mirkat1206/liberty2json-python>

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# What is Liberty library format?

Liberty library format is the most-widely-used industry standard format in EDA implementation.

A liberty library file contains **information of library cells** of a particular technology, including **timing, power, area, noise, and etc.**



# General Syntax of Liberty library format

Group Statement	Attribute Statement	Define Statement
<pre><i>group_name (name) {</i>  <i>... statements ...</i>  <i>}</i></pre>	<p>Simple:</p> <pre><i>attr_name: attr_value;</i></pre> <p>Complex:</p> <pre><i>attr_name (param1, [param2, param3, ...]);</i></pre>	<pre><i>define (attr_name, group_name, attr_type);</i></pre>



# What is JSON format?

JSON stands for JavaScript Object Notion.

JSON is a text format that is “self-describing” and easy to understand.

JSON is supported by many programming languages, including C/C++, C#, Java, Perl, **Python**, etc.

In Python, with `import json`, you can manipulate JSON format files easily.



# Why do we need liberty2json?

In many cases, we might need information in Liberty files.

However, Liberty library format is irregular and hard to process.

In contrast, JSON format is more regular and easy to manipulate.

[ASIC Design 之初--就先從江Liberty轉成JSON開始吧](#)

<https://github.com/erihsu/liberty2json>

<https://github.com/iLeonSun/Liberty>

<https://github.com/liyanqing1987/libertyParser>



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Compared to other existing liberty2json projects, this project has some special features:

1. This project is written in **Python**.
2. This project is purely based on the **general syntax** of Liberty library format.
  - Unlike the other projects, this project does not predefine any names (group/attribute/define) nor presume any input orders.
  - Hence, this project can deal with any unexpected names or orders.
3. The code is very clean and elegant.
  - Less than 300 lines of code in *liberty2json.py*, including comments.
4. Another *liberty.py* is also created for parsing the resulted JSON file.
  - Basic methods are created for common needs (ex: get\_attributes/get\_cells/get\_pins)
  - Additional methods can be easily added according to users' needs.

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## Liberty format

```
1  /*****
2  ****
3  **** This file is created for liberty2json-python project. All ****
4  **** data is fake and cannot be used for fabrication. ****
5  ****
6  *****/
7
8  library ("saed012rvt_ff34p56v789c") { /*comment*/
9      define(driver_model,library,string);
10     define(def_sim_opt,library,string);
11     define(simulator,library,string);
12     define(always_on,cell,string);
13     define(is_decap_cell,cell,string);
14     define(clk_width,timing,string);
15     technology("cmos");
16     delay_model : "table_lookup";
17     date : "[1999 DECEMBER 6]";
18     revision : "1.0000000";
19     time_unit : "1ns";
20     leakage_power_unit : "1pW";
21     voltage_unit : "1V";
22     pulling_resistance_unit : "1kohm";
23     current_unit : "1uA";
24     capacitive_load_unit(1.000000, \
25     "ff");
26     default_leakage_power_density : 0.000000;
27     input_threshold_pct_rise : 87.000000; /*comment*/
```

## JSON format

```
1  {
2      "library": {
3          "saed012rvt_ff34p56v789c": {
4              "technology": "cmos",
5              "delay_model": "table_lookup",
6              "date": "[1999 DECEMBER 6]",
7              "revision": "1.0000000",
8              "time_unit": "1ns",
9              "leakage_power_unit": "1pW",
10             "voltage_unit": "1V",
11             "pulling_resistance_unit": "1kohm",
12             "current_unit": "1uA",
13             "capacitive_load_unit": "1.000000, ff",
14             "default_leakage_power_density": "0.000000",
15             "input_threshold_pct_rise": "87.000000",
16             "output_threshold_pct_rise": "87.000000",
17             "input_threshold_pct_fall": "87.000000",
18             "output_threshold_pct_fall": "87.000000",
19             "slew_lower_threshold_pct_rise": "69.000000",
20             "slew_upper_threshold_pct_rise": "96.000000",
21             "slew_lower_threshold_pct_fall": "69.000000",
22             "slew_upper_threshold_pct_fall": "96.000000",
23             "slew_derate_from_library": "1.000000",
24             "default_inout_pin_cap": "0.000000",
```



# How to use?

liberty2json.py & main.py

```
1  $ python3 src/main.py
2  usage: main.py [-h] [--libfile LIBFILE] [--libdir LIBDIR] [--jsondir JSONDIR]
3
4  Turn liberty format file(s) into json format file(s).
5
6  optional arguments:
7    -h, --help            show this help message and exit
8    --libfile LIBFILE     filepath of a liberty format file
9    --libdir LIBDIR       dirpath of a directory containing liberty format file(s)
10   --jsondir JSONDIR     dirpath for output json file(s)
```



# How to use?

## liberty.py

```
import json
from liberty import liberty

lib = liberty(filepath='./test.json')
print('\n-----\n')

print(lib.name)
print(lib.list_attributes())
print(lib.get_attribute('technology'))
print(lib.get_attributes(['technology', 'delay_model']))
print(lib.list_cells())
print(lib.get_cells())
print('\n-----\n')

cel = lib.get_cell(lib.list_cells()[0])
print(cel.name)
print(cel.list_attributes())
print(cel.get_attribute('cell_footprint'))
print(cel.get_attributes(['cell_footprint', 'area']))
print(cel.list_pins())
print(cel.get_pins())
print(cel.list_input_pins())
print(cel.get_input_pins())
print(cel.list_output_pins())
print(cel.get_output_pins())
print(cel.list_inout_pins())
print('\n-----\n')

pinn = cel.get_pin(cel.list_output_pins()[0])
print(pinn.name)
print(pinn.list_attributes())
```

```
saed012rvt_ff34p56v789c
['technology', 'delay_model', 'date', 'revision', 'time_unit', 'leakage_power_unit', 'voltage_unit', 'pulling_resistance_unit', 'current_unit', 'capacitive_load_unit', 'default_leakage_power_density', 'input_threshold_pct_rise', 'output_threshold_pct_rise', 'input_threshold_pct_fall', 'output_threshold_pct_fall', 'slew_lower_threshold_pct_rise', 'slew_upper_threshold_pct_rise', 'slew_lower_threshold_pct_fall', 'slew_upper_threshold_pct_fall', 'slew_derate_from_library', 'default_inout_pin_cap', 'default_cell_leakage_power', 'default_input_pin_cap', 'default_output_pin_cap', 'default_fanout_load', 'library_features', 'driver_model', 'nom_voltage', 'nom_temperature', 'nom_process', 'default_wire_load_capacitance', 'default_wire_load_resistance', 'default_wire_load_area', 'default_wire_load_mode', 'default_threshold_voltage_group', 'def_sim_opt', 'simulator', 'voltage_map', 'output_voltage', 'wire_load', 'wire_load_selection', 'power_lut_template', 'operating_conditions', 'lutable_template', 'normalized_driver_waveform', 'cell']
cmos
{'technology': 'cmos', 'delay_model': 'table_lookup'}
['AND2X1', 'AND2X2']
{'AND2X1': <liberty.cell object at 0x7f6519a0a8e0>, 'AND2X2': <liberty.cell object at 0x7f6519a0a640>}
```

```
AND2X1
['cell_footprint', 'area', 'cell_leakage_power', 'driver_waveform_rise', 'driver_waveform_fall', 'leakage_power', 'pg_pin', 'pin']
AND2
{'cell_footprint': 'AND2', 'area': '2.123456'}
['A1', 'A2', 'Y']
{'A1': <liberty.pin object at 0x7f6519a0a8e0>, 'A2': <liberty.pin object at 0x7f6519a0a5e0>, 'Y': <liberty.pin object at 0x7f6519a0a580>}
['A1', 'A2']
{'A1': <liberty.pin object at 0x7f6519a0a5e0>, 'A2': <liberty.pin object at 0x7f6519a0a8e0>}
['Y']
{'A1': <liberty.pin object at 0x7f6519a0a5e0>, 'A2': <liberty.pin object at 0x7f6519a0a580>}
```

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# Fun Fact

All docstring is generated by ChatGPT.

I only modified few places.

<https://chat.openai.com/chat>



Here is a possible way to add comments and docstrings to the code:



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```
#!/usr/bin/env python3

import os
import glob
import json

class liberty2json():
    """Convert liberty files to JSON format.

    Attributes:
        filepath (str): Path to a single liberty file.
        dirpath (str): Path to a directory containing liberty files.
        outdir (str): Output directory for the JSON files.
        tab (str): Indentation string for the JSON output.
    """

    def __init__(self, filepath='', dirpath='', outdir='./out/', tab=' '):
        """Initialize the class with the filepath, dirpath, outdir, and tab.

        If outdir does not exist, it will be created.
        """
        if os.path.exists(outdir) == False:
            os.mkdir(outdir)

        self.filepath = filepath
        self.dirpath = dirpath
```