

# Homework 7

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## Assignment

Working with HTML, XML and JSON in R

Pick three of your favorite books on one of your favorite subjects. At least one of the books should have more than one author. For each book, include the title, authors, and two or three other attributes that you find interesting.

Take the information that you've selected about these three books, and separately create three files which store the book's information in HTML (using an html table), XML, and JSON formats (e.g. "book.html", "book.xml", and "book.json"). To help you better understand the different file structures, I'd prefer that you create each of these files "by hand" unless you're already very comfortable with the file formats.

References to the books.html, books.xml, and books.json.

books.html:

[https://raw.githubusercontent.com/omerozeren/DATA607/master/HMW\\_7/books.html](https://raw.githubusercontent.com/omerozeren/DATA607/master/HMW_7/books.html)

books.xml:

[https://raw.githubusercontent.com/omerozeren/DATA607/master/HMW\\_7/books.xml](https://raw.githubusercontent.com/omerozeren/DATA607/master/HMW_7/books.xml)

books.json:

[https://raw.githubusercontent.com/omerozeren/DATA607/master/HMW\\_7/books.json](https://raw.githubusercontent.com/omerozeren/DATA607/master/HMW_7/books.json)

Load libraries:

```
library(RCurl)
library(XML)
library(jsonlite)
library(data.table)
```

## HTML

### Import HTML file

```
html_url <-
"https://raw.githubusercontent.com/omerozeren/DATA607/master/HMW_7/books.html"
html_file <- getURL(html_url)
```

### Parsing the data

```
html_file <- htmlParse(html_file)
```

### Converting into a data.frame

```
html_df <- as.data.frame(readHTMLTable(html_file))
html_df
```

```
##           X.Top.three.books..Book.Title X.Top.three.books..Year
## 1                               Deep Learning                2015
## 2 Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning                2017
## 3                               Financial Time Series            2008
##  X.Top.three.books..ISBN X.Top.three.books..Author
## 1          978-0739435571          Ian Goodfellow
## 2          978-0060883287          Mark Bishop
## 3          978-0131103627          Jack Tsay
##      X.Top.three.books..Publisher
## 1                      Mit Press
## 2      Cambridge University Press
## 3 World Scientific Publishing Co
```

## XML

### Import XML file

```
xml_url <-
"https://raw.githubusercontent.com/omerozeren/DATA607/master/HMW_7/books.xml"
xml_file <- getURL(xml_url)
```

### Parsing the data

```
xml_file <- xmlParse(xml_file)
```

### Converting into a data.frame

```
part_1 <- xmlRoot(xml_file)
xml_df <- xmlToDataFrame(part_1)
xml_df
```

```
##               title year      isbn
## 1               Deep Learning 2015 978-0739435571
## 2 Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning 2017 978-0060883287
## 3               Financial Time Series 2008 978-0131103627
##               author      publisher
## 1 Ian Goodfellow      MIT Press
## 2   Mark Bishop      Cambridge University Press
## 3   Jack Tsay World Scientific Publishing Co
```

## JSON

### Import JSON file

```
json_url <-
"https://raw.githubusercontent.com/omerozeren/DATA607/master/HMW_7/books.json"
json_file <- getURL(json_url)
```

### Parsing the data

```
json_file <- fromJSON(json_file)
```

### Converting into a data.frame

```
json_file_df <- as.data.frame(json_file)
json_file_df
```

```
##               top_three_books.title top_three_books.year
## 1               Deep Learning      2015
## 2 Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning      2017
## 3               Financial Time Series      2008
## top_three_books.isbn top_three_books.author
## 1   978-0739435571      Ian Goodfellow
## 2   978-0060883287      Mark Bishop
## 3   978-0131103627      Jack Tsay
## top_three_books.publisher
## 1      MIT Press
## 2 Cambridge University Press
## 3 World Scientific Publishing Co
```

### Are the three data frames identical?

We can look at the structures of each data.frame to see if they are identical.

```
str(html_df)
```

```
## 'data.frame':    3 obs. of  5 variables:
## $ X.Top.three.books..Book.Title: Factor w/ 3 levels "Deep Learning",...: 1
3 2
## $ X.Top.three.books..Year      : Factor w/ 3 levels "2008","2015",...: 2 3
1
## $ X.Top.three.books..ISBN      : Factor w/ 3 levels "978-0060883287",...:
3 1 2
## $ X.Top.three.books..Author    : Factor w/ 3 levels "Ian Goodfellow",...:
1 3 2
## $ X.Top.three.books..Publisher : Factor w/ 3 levels "Cambridge University
Press",...: 2 1 3
```

```
str(xml_df)
```

```
## 'data.frame':    3 obs. of  5 variables:
## $ title      : Factor w/ 3 levels "Deep Learning",...: 1 3 2
## $ year       : Factor w/ 3 levels "2008","2015",...: 2 3 1
## $ isbn       : Factor w/ 3 levels "978-0060883287",...: 3 1 2
## $ author     : Factor w/ 3 levels "Ian Goodfellow",...: 1 3 2
## $ publisher  : Factor w/ 3 levels "Cambridge University Press",...: 2 1 3
```

```
str(json_file_df)
```

```
## 'data.frame':    3 obs. of  5 variables:
## $ top_three_books.title : chr  "Deep Learning" "attern Recognition and
Machine Learning" "Financial Time Series"
## $ top_three_books.year  : chr  "2015" "2017" "2008"
## $ top_three_books.isbn  : chr  "978-0739435571" "978-0060883287" "978-
0131103627"
## $ top_three_books.author : chr  "Ian Goodfellow" "Mark Bishop" "Jack
Tsay"
## $ top_three_books.publisher: chr  "MIT Press" "Cambridge University
Press" "World Scientific Publishing Co"
```

After looking at the structures, the HTML and XML data.frame looks identical to each other (other than the names of the headers i.e. Null.Book.Name vs. Book\_Name). They are all listed as factors with multiple levels, whereas, the JSON data frame uses chr, int in their data.frame.