

Basic JSON Interview Questions & Answers in Python

Q1. What is JSON?

JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) is a lightweight data-interchange format. It is used to exchange data.

Q2. How do you handle JSON in Python?

Python provides the 'json' module to encode and decode JSON data.

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Example:
import json
data = {"name": "Alice", "age": 25}
json_string = json.dumps(data)
parsed = json.loads(json_string)
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Q3. What's the difference between json.dump() and json.dumps()?

- json.dump() → Writes JSON data directly to a file.
- json.dumps() → Converts Python object into JSON string.

Q4. What's the difference between json.load() and json.loads()?

- json.load() → Reads JSON from a file and converts it to Python object.
- json.loads() → Parses JSON from a string and converts it to Python object.

Q5. How do you pretty-print JSON in Python?

Use indent parameter in json.dumps().

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Example:
import json
data = {"name": "Alice", "age": 25, "city": "London"}
print(json.dumps(data, indent=4))
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Q6. What Python data types are supported by JSON?

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Python → JSON equivalents:
dict → object
list, tuple → array
str → string
int, float → number
True → true
False → false
None → null
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Q7. Can JSON handle custom Python objects?

By default, no. JSON supports only basic types. For custom objects, use 'default' parameter in json.dumps().

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Example:
import json
from datetime import datetime

def custom_serializer(obj):
    if isinstance(obj, datetime):
        return obj.isoformat()
    raise TypeError("Type not serializable")

print(json.dumps({"time": datetime.now()}, default=custom_serializer))
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