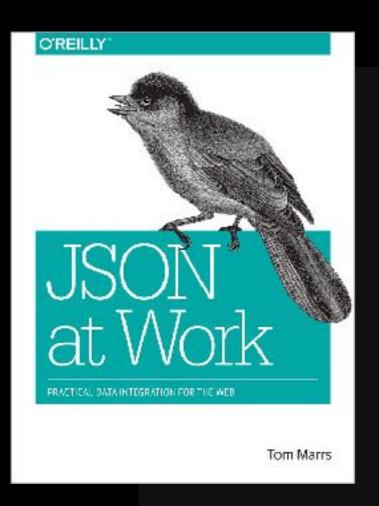
Bitter JSON

(Or When Complex Data Happens to Good Developers)

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About Me ...

















What's The Point?

JSON Search and Transform

Simplify interaction with RESTful APIs

Your Takeaway

jq + Handlebars Rock!

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Deep JS

Other Languages

Examples and Slides

https://github.com/tmarrs/presentations/tree/master/CS-0SUG/2017/Bitter-JSON

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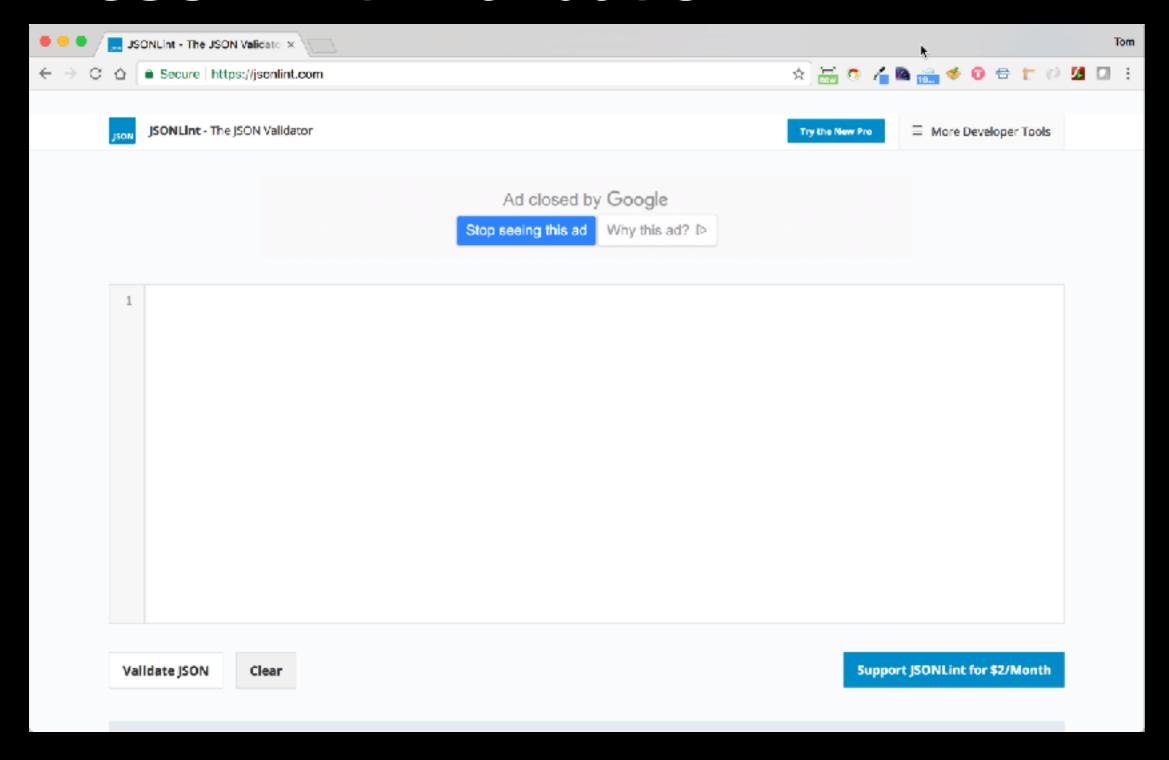
The Journey ...



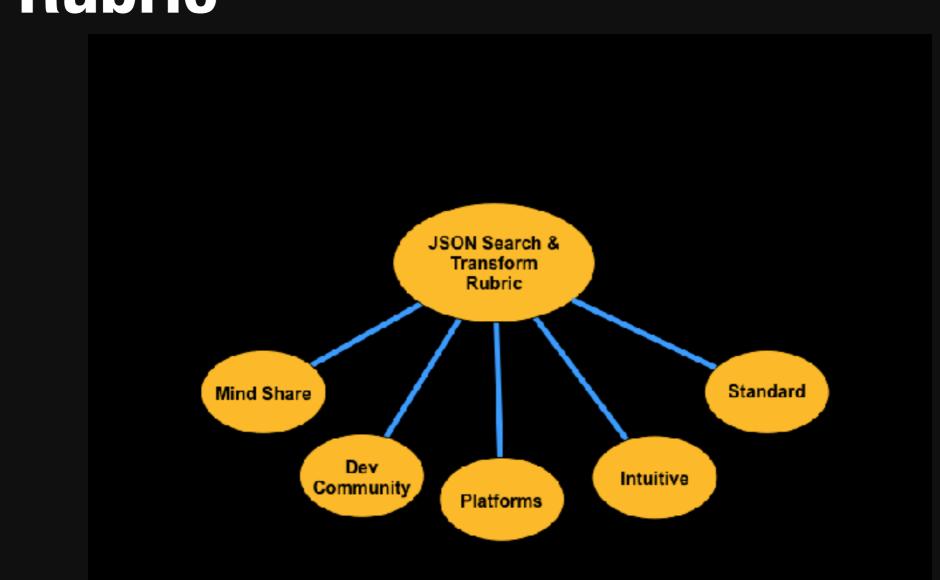
Our Client Stack



JSONLint - Validation



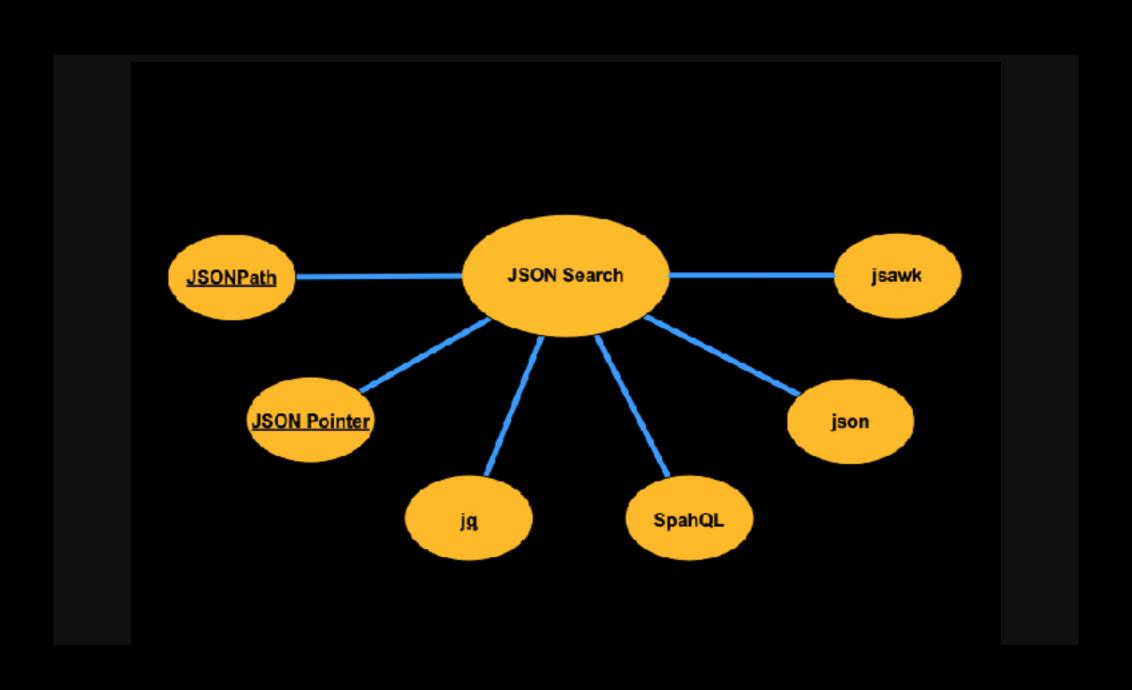
JSON Search & Transform Rubric



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JSON Search Tools

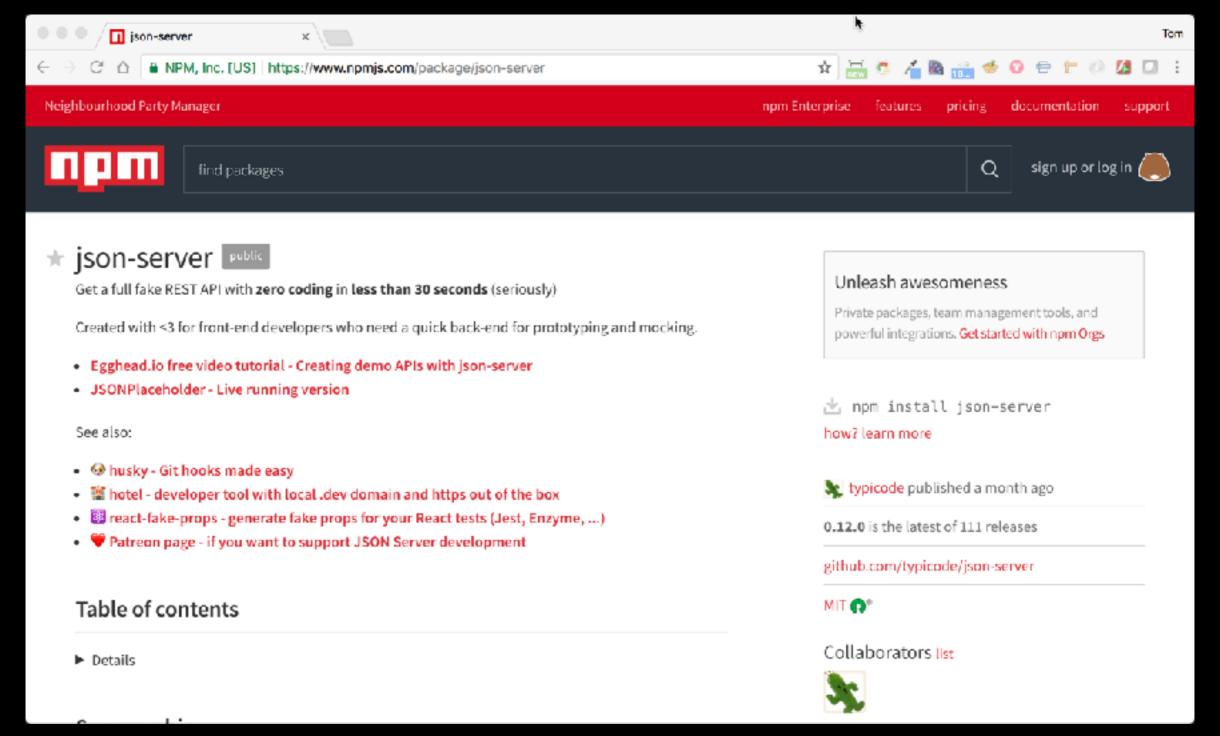


Weather Data API - CLI

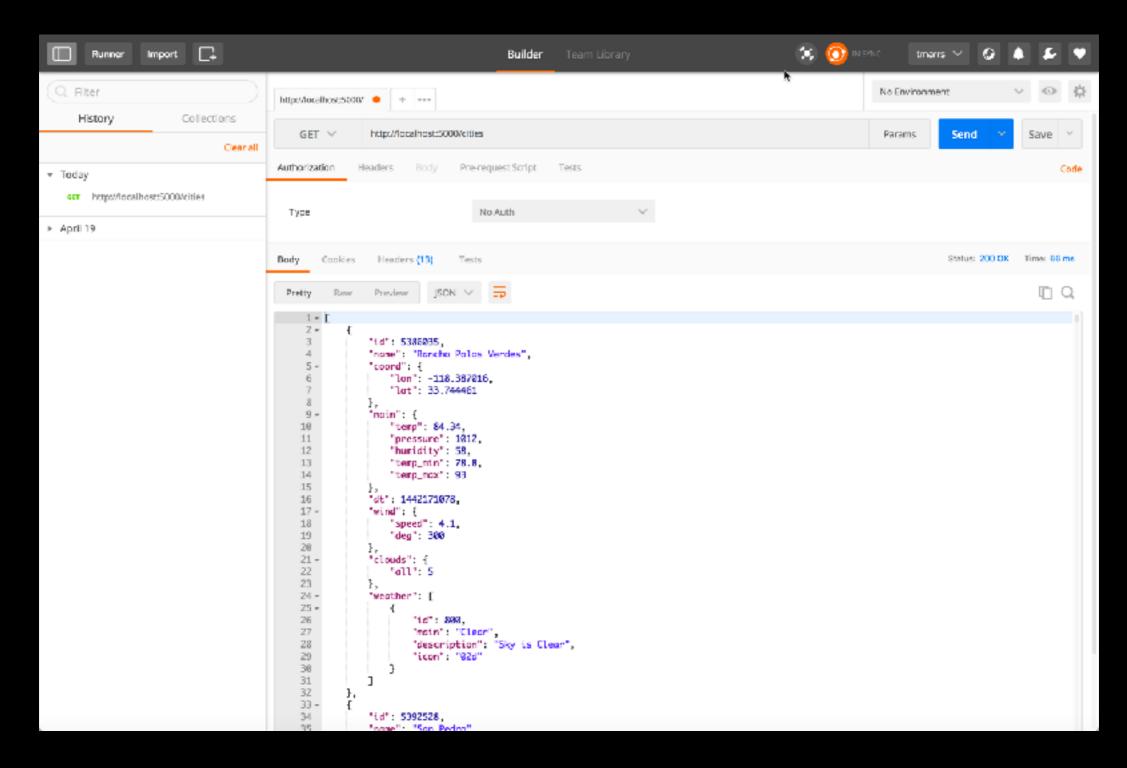
```
json-server -p 5000 \
cities-weather.json
```

http://localhost:5000/cities

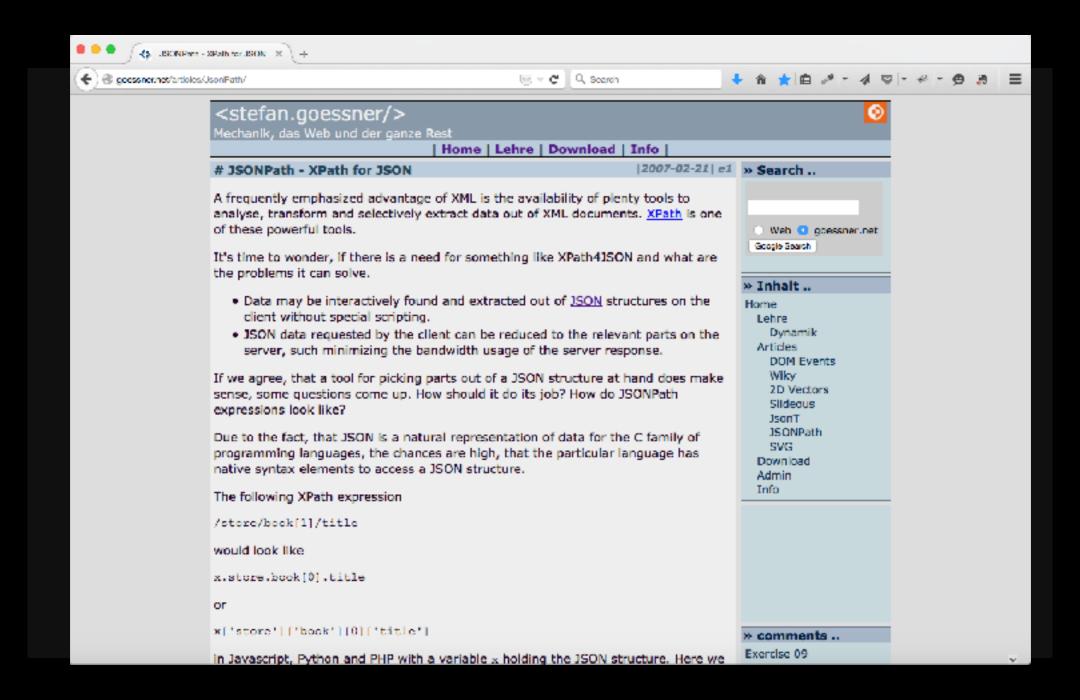
json-server on npm



OpenWeather API - Postman



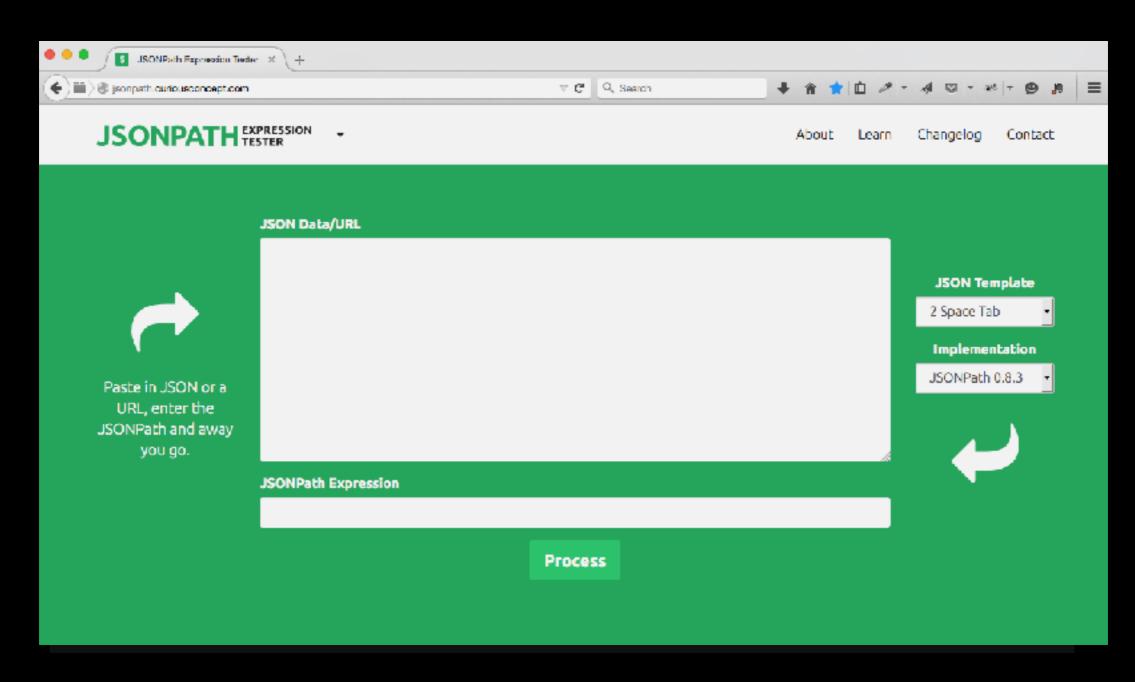
JSONPath



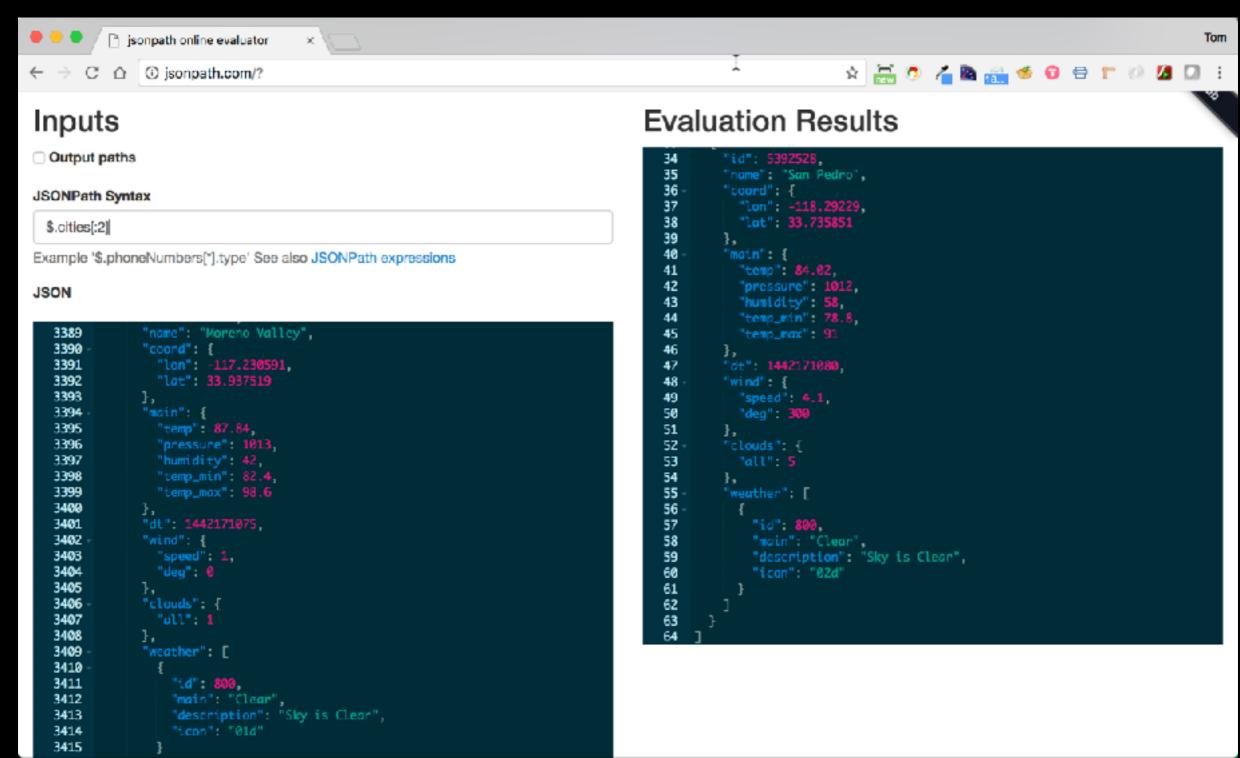
JSONPath Syntax

XPath	JSONPath	Result
/store/book/author	<pre>\$.store.book[*].author</pre>	the authors of all books in the store
//author	\$author	all authors
/store/*	\$.store.*	all things in store, which are some books and a red bicycle.
/store//price	\$.storeprice	the price of everything in the store.
//book[3]	\$book[2]	the third book
//book[last()]	\$book[(@.length-1)] \$book[-1:]	the last book in order.
//book[position()<3]	\$book[0,1] \$book[:2]	the first two books
//book[isbn]	\$book[?(@.isbn)]	filter all books with isbn number
//book[price<10]	\$book[?(@.price<10)]	filter all books cheapier than 10
//*	\$*	all Elements in XML document. All members of JSON structure.

JSONPath Expression Tester



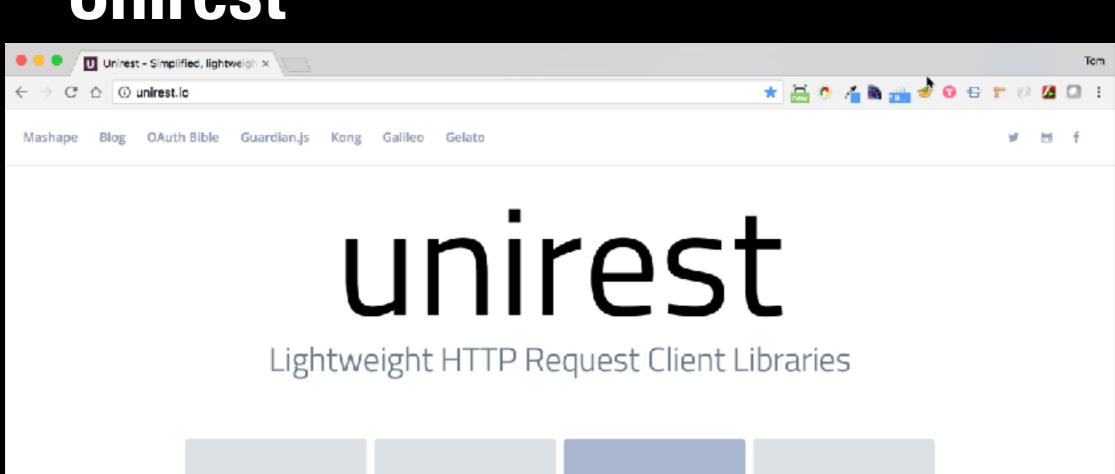
JSONPath Online Evaluator

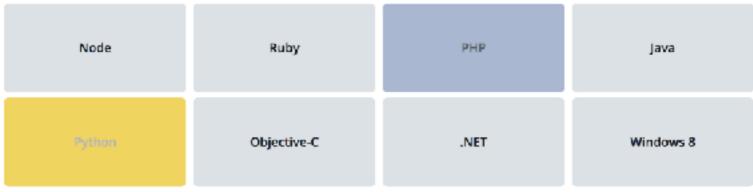


JSONPath Queries

```
1
                                      Description
      JSONPath query
 2
 3
      $.cities
                                      Get all elements in the cities Array.
      $.cities.length
                                      Get the number of elements in the cities Array.
 4
      $.cities[0::2]
                                      Get every other element in the cities array.
 6
      $.cities[(@.length-1)]
 7
                                      Get the last element in the cities Array.
 8
                                      Get all weather subelements.
 9
      $..weather
      $.cities[:3]
                                      Get the first three elements in cities Array.
10
      $.cities[:3].name
                                      Get the city name for first three elements in the cities Array.
11
      $.cities[?(@.main.temp > 84)] Get the cities where the temp > 84.
12
13
      $.cities[?(@.main.temp >= 84 && @.main.temp <= 85.5)]</pre>
14
15
                                      Get the cities where the temp is between 84 and 85.5.
16
17
      $.cities[?(@.weather[0].main == 'Clouds')]
18
                                      Get the cities with cloudy weather.
19
      $.cities[?(@.weather[0].main.match(/Clo/))]
20
21
                                      Get the cities with cloudy weather by using regex.
22
```

Unirest





Check out Kong, the open source API Management layer or Mashape Galileo for visualizing and monitoring API traffic

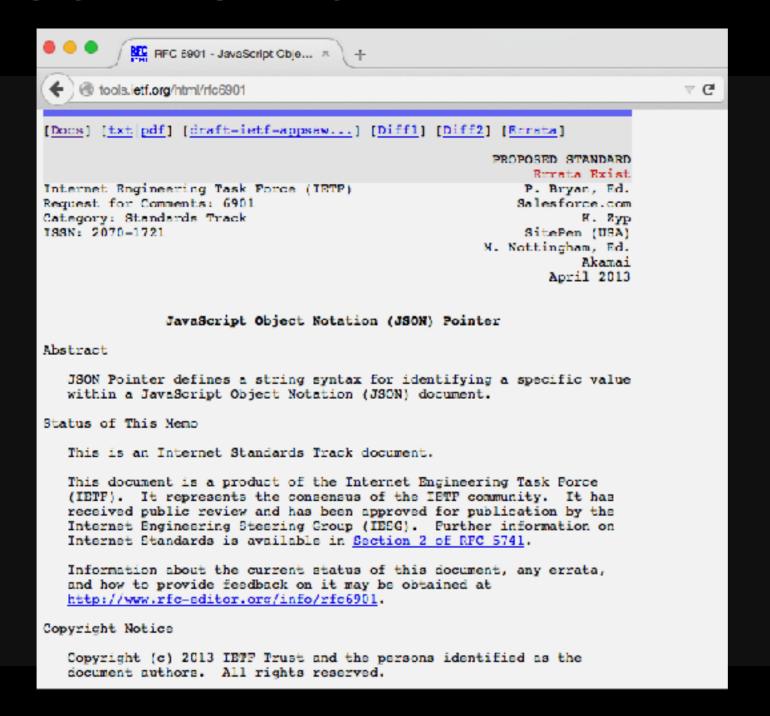
JSONPath Test

```
12
      var expect = require('chai').expect;
      var jp = require('jsonpath');
13
      var unirest = require('unirest');
14
15
16
      describe('cities-jsonpath', function() {
17
        var req;
18
        beforeEach(function() {
19
          req = unirest.get('http://localhost:5000/cities')
20
21
            .header('Accept', 'application/json');
        }):
22
23
        it('should return a 200 response', function(done) {
24
          req.end(function(res) {
25
            expect(res.statusCode).to.eql(200);
26
27
            expect(res.headers['content-type']).to.eql(
              'application/json; charset=utf-8');
28
            done();
29
          });
30
        }):
31
32
        it('should return all cities', function(done) {
33
          req.end(function(res) {
34
            var cities = res.body;
35
36
37
            //console.log(cities);
            expect(cities.length).to.eql(110);
38
            done():
39
40
          }):
        11:
41
```

JSONPath Scorecard

Mindshare	Y
Dev Community	Y
Platforms	JS, Node.js, Java, RoR
Intuitive	Y
Standard	N

JSON Pointer



JSON Pointer Syntax

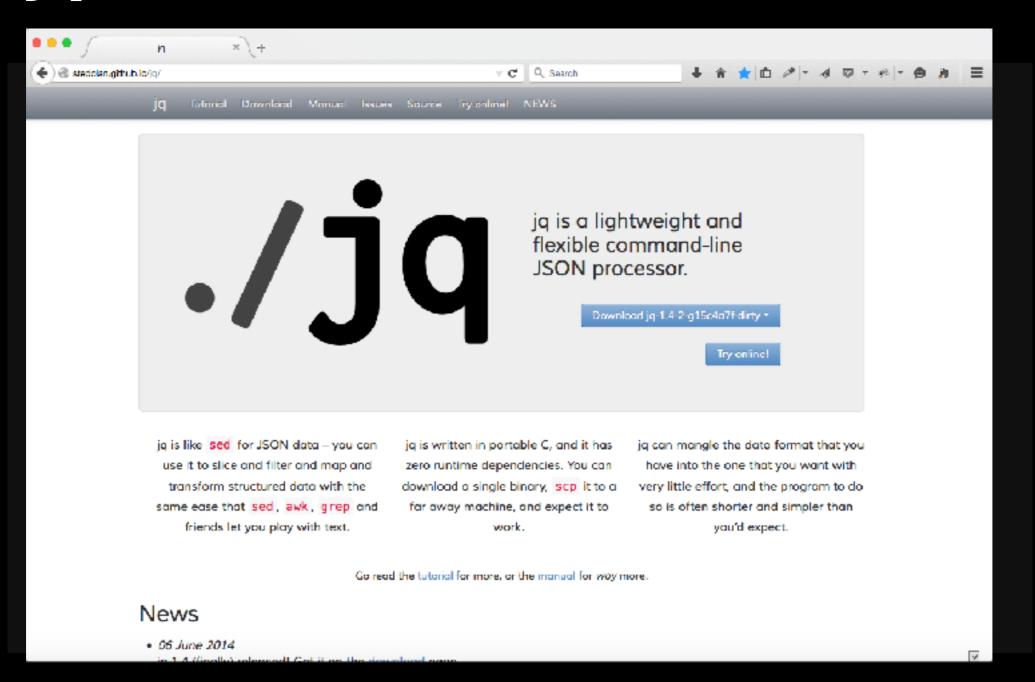
```
RFC 6901
                                                                  April 2013
                                JSON Pointer
   For example, given the JSON document
      "foo": ["bar", "baz"],
      "": 0,
      "a/b": 1,
      "c%d": 2,
      "e^f": 3,
      "g|h": 4,
      "i\\j": 5,
      "k\"1": 6,
      " ": 7,
      "m~n": 8
   The following JSON strings evaluate to the accompanying values:
    m m
                  // the whole document
    "/foo"
                  ["bar", "baz"]
                  "bar"
    "/foo/0"
    "/"
    "/a~1b"
    "/c%d"
    "/e^f"
    "/g|h"
    "/i\\j"
    "/k\"1"
    "/"
    "/m~0n"
```

JSON Pointer Test

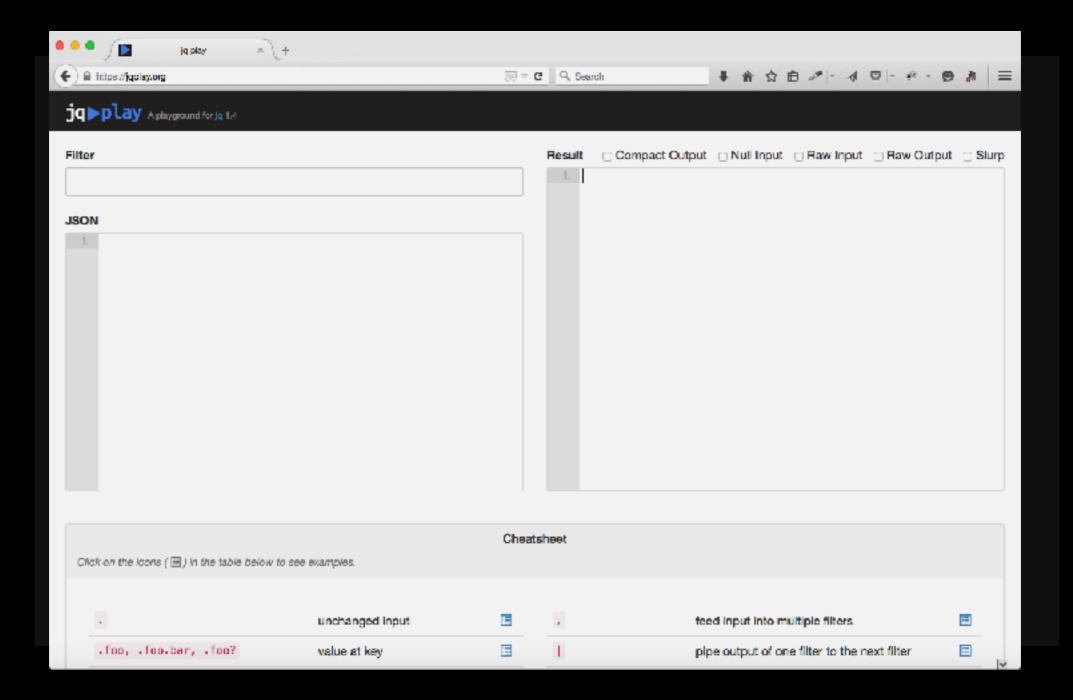
```
12
      var expect = require('chai').expect;
13
      var pointer = require('json-pointer');
14
      var unirest = require('unirest');
15
16
      describe('cities-json-pointer', function() {
17
        var reg:
18
19
        beforeEach(function() {
20
          req = unirest.get('http://localhost:5000/cities')
21
            .header('Accept', 'application/json');
22
        });
23
24
        it('should return a 200 response', function(done) {
25
          reg.end(function(res) {
26
            expect(res.statusCode).to.eql(200);
27
            expect(res.headers['content-type']).to.eql(
28
              'application/json; charset=utf-8');
29
            done():
30
          3);
31
        });
32
33
        it('should return the 1st city', function(done) {
34
          req.end(function(res) {
35
            var cities = res.body;
36
            var firstCity = null;
37
38
            //console.log('\n\n1st Object: ');
            firstCity = pointer.get(cities, '/0');
39
            //console.log(firstCity);
40
41
            expect(firstCity.name).to.eql('Rancho Palos Verdes');
42
            expect(firstCity.weather[0].main).to.eql('Clear');
43
            done():
          3);
44
45
        });
46
47
        it('should return the name of the 2nd city', function(done) {
```

JSON Pointer Scorecard

Mindshare	Y
Dev Community	Y
Platforms	JS, Node.js, Java, RoR
Intuitive	Y
Standard	RFC 6901 - Woot!



jq play



jq Queries

```
2
      jq query Description
 3
 4
      .cities[0]
                            Get the first city. jq Array filtering starts at 0.
 5
      .cities[-1]
                            Get the last city. An index of -1 indicates the last element of an Array.
 6
      .cities[0:3]
                            Get the first three cities, where 0 is the start index (inclusive), and 3 is the end
7
                            index (exclusive).
8
9
      .cities[:3]
                            Get the first three cities. This is shorthand, and it omits the start index.
10
      [.cities[:3] | .[] | {name, weather}]
11
12
                            Get the name and weather for the first 3 cities and put it in a new array.
13
      .cities[] | select (.main.temp >= 80 and (.main.temp_min >= 79 and .main.temp_max <= 92))</pre>
14
                            Get all cities whose current temperature is >= 80 degrees Fahrenheit and whose
15
16
                            min and max temperature ranges between 79 and 92 degrees Fahrenheit
                            (inclusive).
17
```

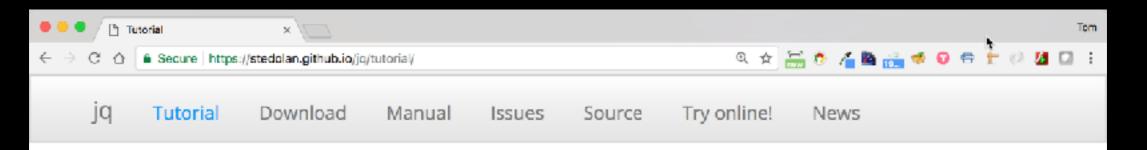
jq Test

```
12
     var expect = require('chai').expect;
      var jq = require('node-jq');
13
      var unirest = require('unirest');
14
      var _ = require('underscore');
15
16
17
18
      describe('cities-jq', function() {
19
        var req;
20
21
        beforeEach(function() {
22
          req = unirest.get('http://localhost:5000/cities')
23
            .header('Accept', 'application/json');
24
        }):
25
26
       it('should return a 200 response', function(done) {
27
          req.end(function(res) {
            expect(res.statusCode).to.eql(200);
28
            expect(res.headers['content-type']).to.eql(
29
30
              'application/json; charset=utf-8');
31
            done();
32
         });
33
        });
34
        it('should return all cities', function(done) {
35
          req.end(function(res) {
36
37
            var cities = res.body;
38
39
            //console.log(cities);
            expect(cities.length).to.eql(110);
40
41
            done();
42
          });
       });
43
```

jq and cURL

```
curl -X GET 'http://localhost:
5000/cities'
curl -X GET 'http://localhost:
5000/cities' | jq .[0]
```

jq Tutorial



Tutorial

GitHub has a JSON API, so let's play with that. This URL gets us the last 5 commits from the jq repo.

```
curl 'https://api.github.com/repos/stedolan/jq/commits?per_page=5' Show result
```

GitHub returns nicely formatted JSON. For servers that don't, it can be helpful to pipe the response through jq to pretty-print it. The simplest jq program is the expression , which takes the input and produces it unchanged as output.

```
curl 'https://api.github.com/repos/stedolan/jq/commits?per_page=5' | jq '.'
Show result
```

We can use jq to extract just the first commit.

```
curl 'https://api.github.com/repos/stedolan/jq/commits?per_page=5' | jq '.[0]'
Show result
```

For the rest of the examples, I'll leave out the curl command - it's not going to change.

There's a lot of info we don't care about there, so we'll restrict it down to the most interesting fields.

jq-tutorial

```
json-at-work => jq-tutorial
Run jq-tutorial with one of the following:
  * pick
  * objects
  * mapping
  * filtering
  * output
  * reduce
```

jq Scorecard

Mindshare	Y
Dev Community	Y
Platforms	CLI - Linux/Mac/ Windows, JS, Node.js, Java, RoR
Intuitive	Y
Standard	N

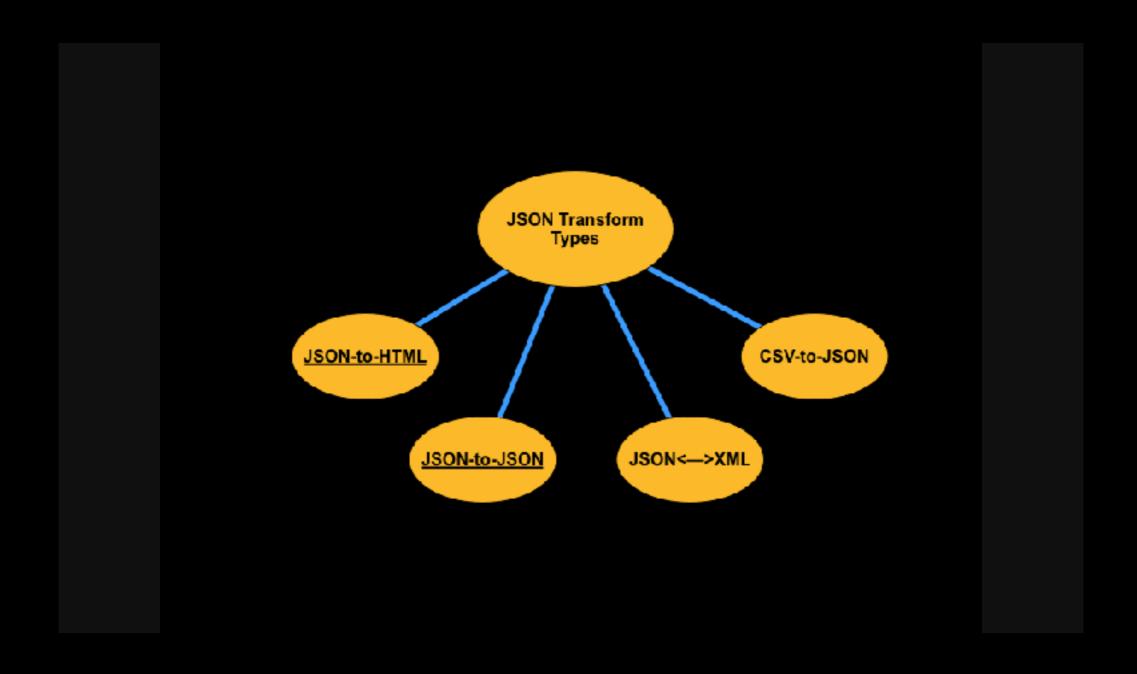
My JSON Search Choices

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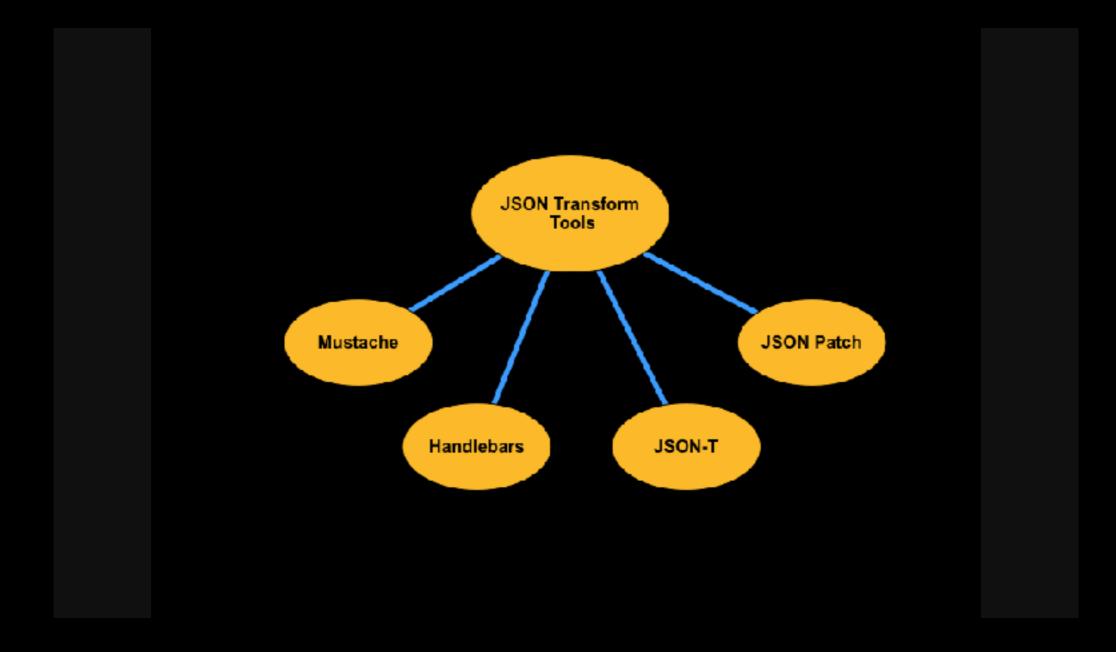
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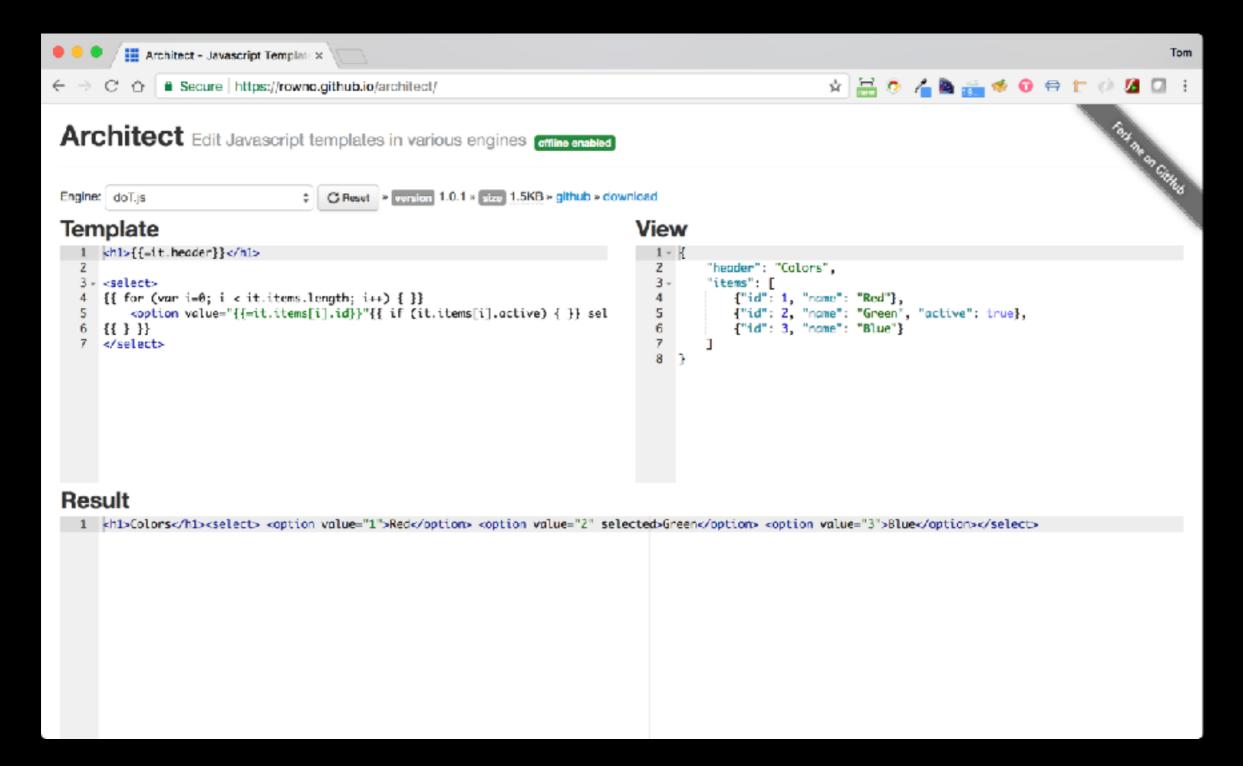
JSON Transform Types



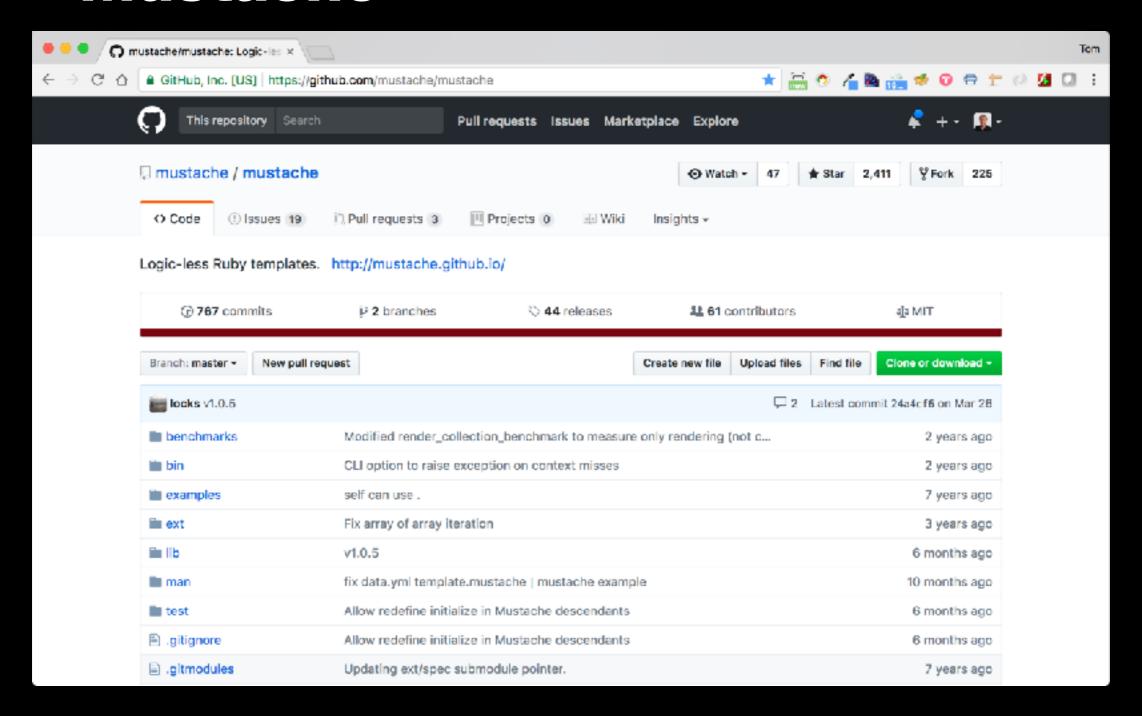
JSON Transform Tools



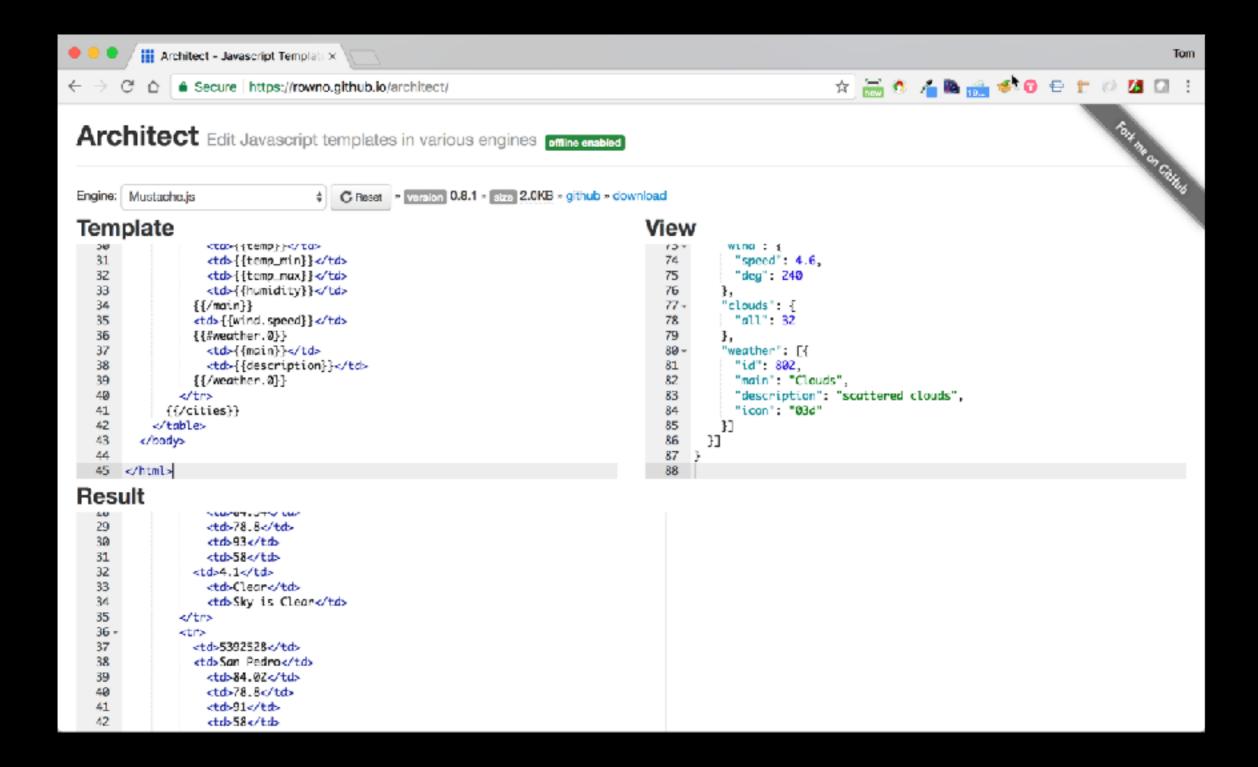
Architect - JS Template Editor



Mustache



Mustache HTML Transform



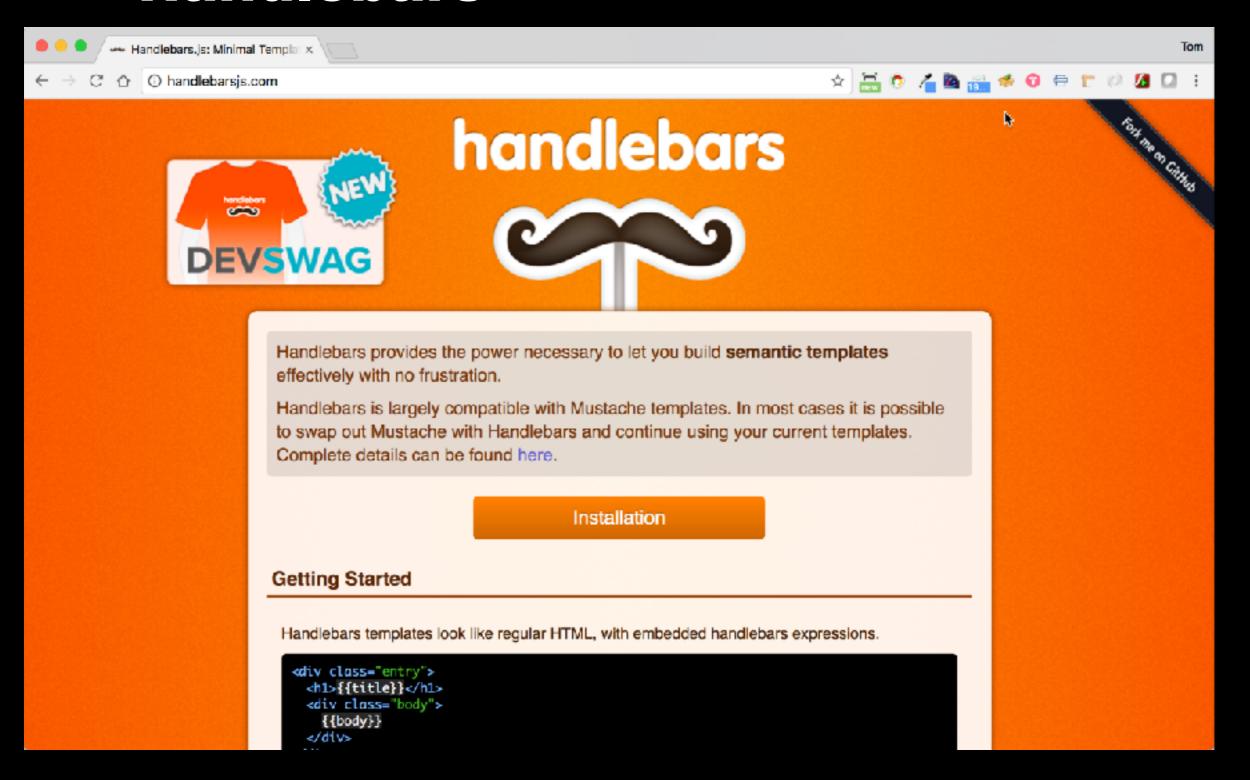
Mustache HTML Template

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
    <html>
       <meta charset="UTF-8" />
       <title>OpenWeather - California Cities</title>
       link rel="stylesheet" href="weather.css">
     <body>
       <h1>OpenWeather - California Cities</h1>
       12
13
          14
           ID
15
           City
16
           Current Temp
17
           Low Temp
18
           High Temp
19
           Humidity
20
           Wind Speed
21
           Sunnary
           Description
23
          </thead>
25
         {{#cities}}
26
           {{id}}
           {{name}}
28
29
           {{#main}}
30
             {td>{{temp}}
             {td>{{temp_min}}
             {td>{{temp_max}}
33
             {{humidity}}
34
            {{/main}}
           {{wind.speed}}
36
           {{#weather.0}}
             {{main}}
38
             {{description}}
39
           {{/weather.0}}
```

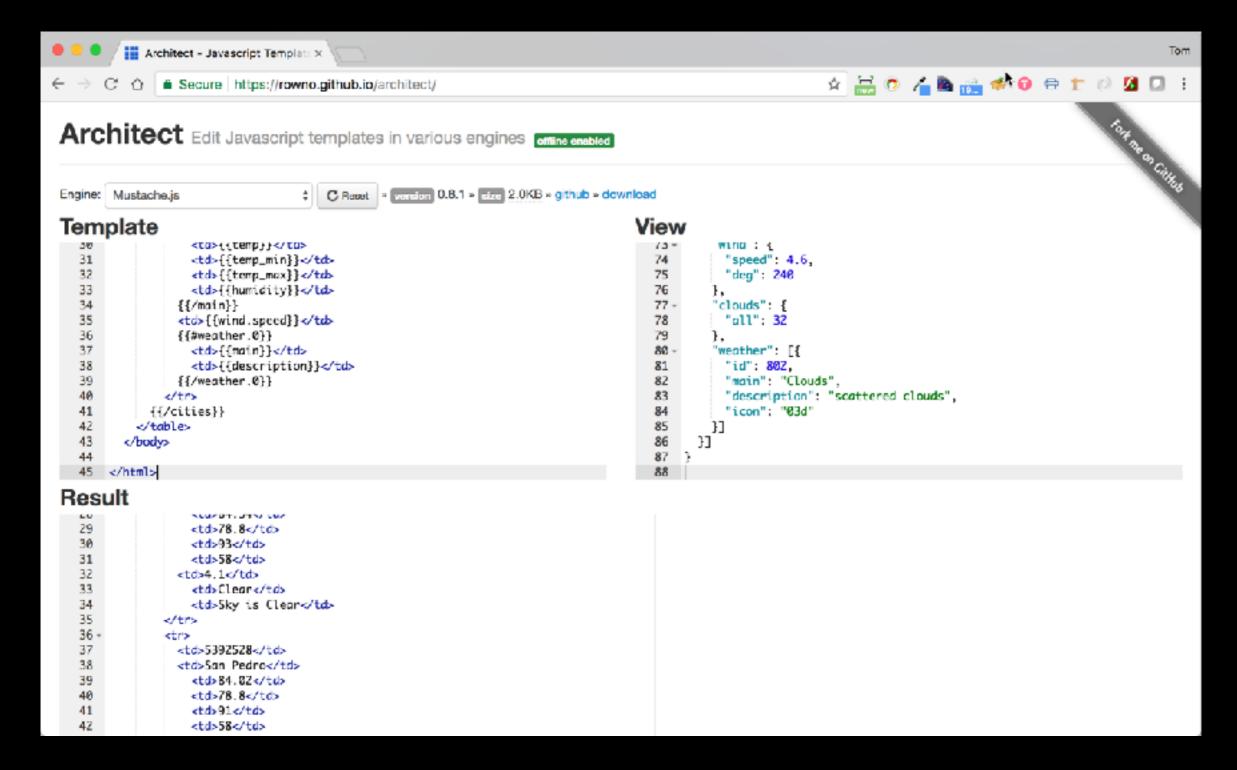
Mustache HTML Test

```
12
      var expect = require('chai').expect;
      var jsonfile = require('jsonfile');
13
      var fs = require('fs');
14
      var mustache = require('mustache');
15
16
17
      describe('cities-mustache', function() {
18
        var jsonCitiesFileName = null;
19
        var htmlTemplateFileName = null;
20
21
22
        beforeEach(function() {
23
          var baseDir = __dirname + '/../..';
24
25
          jsonCitiesFileName = baseDir + '/data/cities-weather-short.json';
26
          htmlTemplateFileName = baseDir
27
            '/templates/transform-html.mustache';
28
        });
29
30
31
        it('should transform cities JSON data to HTML', function(done) {
          jsonfile.readFile(jsonCitiesFileName, function(readJsonFileError,
            jsonObj) {
            if (!readJsonFileError) {
34
              fs.readFile(htmlTemplateFileName, 'utf8', function(
                readTemplateFileError, templateFileData) {
36
                if (!readTemplateFileError) {
                  var template = templateFileData.toString();
38
39
                  var html = mustache.render(template, jsonObj);
40
                  console.log('\n\n\nHTML Output:\n' + html);
41
42
                  done();
43
                } else {
44
                  done(readTemplateFileError);
45
46
              H;
47
48
              done(readJsonFileError);
49
50
          });
```

Handlebars



Handlebars HTML Transform



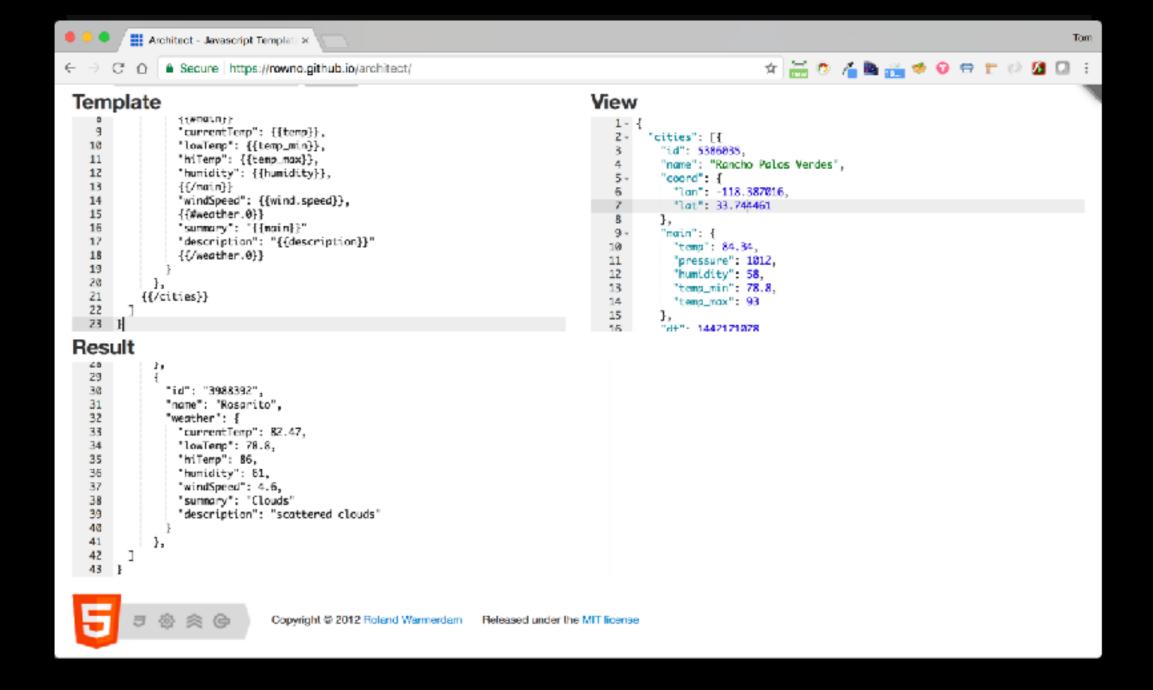
Handlebars HTML Template

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
    <html>
      <head>
4
       <meta charset="UTF-8" />
       <title>OpenWeather - California Cities</title>
       <link rel="stylesheet" href="weather.css">
      </head>
      <body>
       <h1>OpenWeather - California Cities</h1>
10
       11
12
         <thead>
13
          ID
14
15
            City
16
            Current Temp
17
            Low Temp
            High Temp
18
            Humidity
19
20
            Wind Speed
            Summary
21
22
            Description
23
          24
         </thead>
         {{#each cities}}
25
```

Handlebars HTML Test

```
var expect = require('chai').expect;
     var jsonfile = require('jsonfile');
     var fs = require('fs');
     var handlebars = require('handlebars');
17
     describe('cities-handlebars', function() {
18
        var jsonCitiesFileName = null;
19
        var htmlTemplateFileName = null;
20
22
        beforeEach(function() {
23
         var baseDir = __dirname + '/../..';
24
25
         jsonCitiesFileName = baseDir + '/data/cities-weather-short.json';
26
         htmlTemplateFileName = baseDir +
            '/templates/transform-html.hbs';
28
        >);
29
38
31
        it('should transform cities JSON data to HTML', function(done) {
32
          jsonfile.readFile(jsonCitiesFileName, function(readJsonFileError,
           fsonObf) {
            if (!readJsonFileError) {
              fs.readFile(htmlTemplateFileName, 'utf8', function(
               readTemplateFileError, templateFileOata) {
36
37
                if (!readTemplateFileError) {
38
                  var template = handlebars.compile(templateFileData);
39
                  var html = template(json0bj);
48
                  console.log('\n\n\nHTML Output:\n' + html);
41
42
                  done();
43
                } else {
44
                  done(readTemplateFileError);
45
46
             3);
47
            } else {
48
              done(readJsonFileError);
49
          и;
58
```

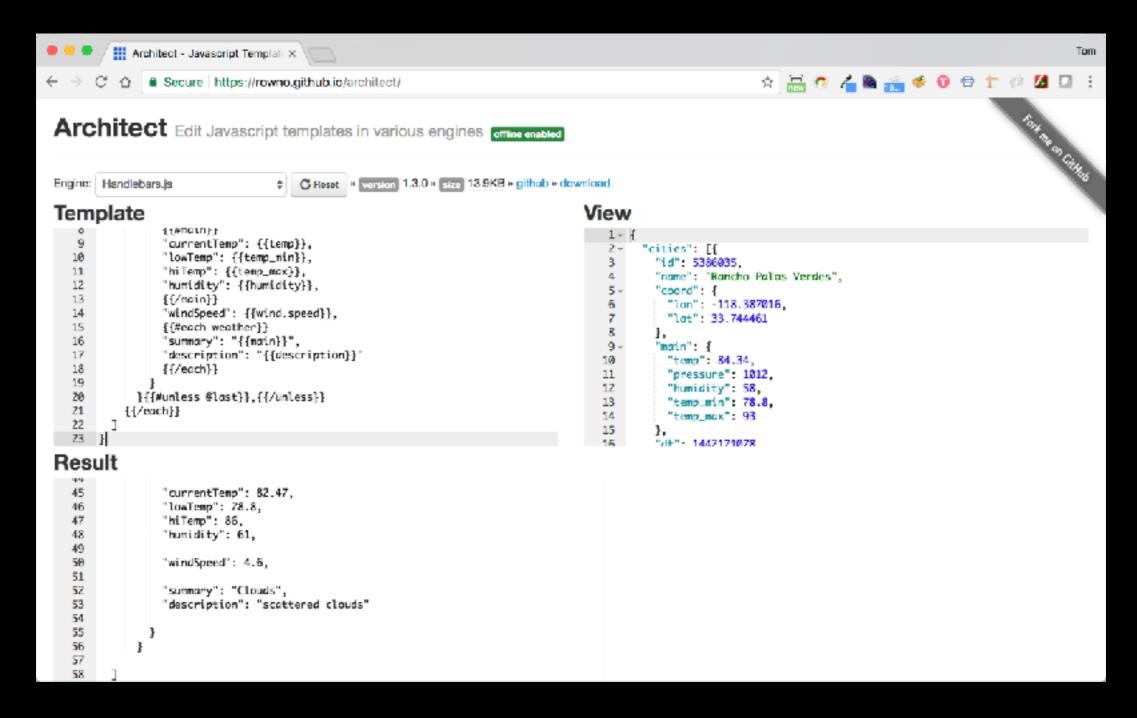
Mustache JSON Transform



Mustache JSON Template

```
2
        "cities": [
          {{#cities}}
               "id": "{{id}}}",
               "name": "{{name}}",
               "weather": {
                 {{#main}}
 8
                 "currentTemp": {{temp}},
 9
                 "lowTemp": {{temp_min}},
10
                 "hiTemp": {{temp_max}},
11
                 "humidity": {{humidity}},
12
                 {{/main}}
13
                 "windSpeed": {{wind.speed}},
14
                 {{#weather.0}}
15
                 "summary": "{{main}}"
16
                 "description": "{{description}}"
17
                 {{/weather.0}}
18
19
20
             },
           {{/cities}}
21
22
23
```

Handlebars JSON Transform



Handlebars JSON Template

```
1
        "cities": [
 2
          {{#each cities}}
              "id": "{{id}}}",
 5
              "name": "{{name}}",
              "weather": {
                {{#main}}
 8
                "currentTemp": {{temp}},
 9
                "lowTemp": {{temp_min}},
10
                "hiTemp": {{temp_max}},
11
                "humidity": {{humidity}},
12
                {{/main}}
13
                "windSpeed": {{wind.speed}},
14
                {{#each weather}}
15
                "summary": "{{main}}",
16
                "description": "{{description}}"
17
                 {{/each}}
18
19
            }{{#unless @last}},{{/unless}}
20
          {{/each}}
21
22
23
      }
```

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Questions?

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JSON Resources

JSON Generator - http://www.json-generator.com/

json.org - http://www.json.org

JSON Editor Online - http://jsoneditoronline.org/

JSONPath Resources

http://goessner.net/articles/JsonPath/

https://github.com/jayway/JsonPath

https://rubygems.org/gems/jsonpath/versions/ 0.5.6

https://www.npmjs.com/package/jsonpath

jq Resources

http://stedolan.github.io/jq/

http://stedolan.github.io/jq/tutorial/

https://github.com/stedolan/jq

https://robots.thoughtbot.com/jq-is-sed-for-json

https://zerokspot.com/weblog/2013/07/18/processing-json-with-jq/

https://jqplay.org/

JSON Groups

Google - http://groups.google.com/group/json-schema

Yahoo! - http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/json/