JOD Introduction Lab

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1.0.1 What is JOD?

JOD is a word storage and retrieval system. It is mainly used to *refactor* and reuse J words.

The basic idea behind JOD is that J programming is best viewed as organizing collections of *words* to perform a task. Organized collections of words have a better name: *dictionaries!*

JOD is a J addon. It is installed in the (a ddons\general\jod) branch of the current J system folder by the J package manager. The next lab step initializes the JOD system.

```
In [1]: NB. display J version 9!:14 ''
```

 $\verb|j901/j64avx/windows/beta-s/commercial/www.jsoftware.com/2019-12-02T12:51:33|$



1.0.2 Start JOD

```
In [2]: NB. used by this lab
    require 'files dir task'

NB. start jod - creates master file if necessary
    load 'general/jod'

NB. use portable box drawing characters
    NB. simplifies rendering notebooks as (*.tex)
    portchars_ijod_=:[: 9!:7 '++++++++|-'"_ []
    portchars ''

NB. Verb to show large boxed displays in
    NB. the notebook without ugly wrapping.
    sbx=: ' ... ' ,"1~ 90&{."1@":
```

1.0.3 Remove old lab dictionaries

JOD is installed without any dictionaries. To use JOD you must create some dictionaries. This lab uses four example dictionaries (lab), (labdev), (toy) and (playpen). JOD dictionaries are created with the (newd) "new dictionary" verb.

Before creating lab dictionaries remove any prior lab dictionaries. This step defines a utility that will erase dictionaries from default locations. It is run in the next step.

WARNING: IF THE TEMPORARY LAB DICTIONARIES CONTAIN INFORMATION YOU CARE ABOUT DO NOT EXECUTE THE NEXT LAB STEP!

```
In [3]: RemoveLabDictionaries_ijod_=: 3 : 0
    root=. jpath '~user'
    if. IFWIN do.
        shell 'rd /s /q "',root,'\joddicts\labdev"'
        shell 'rd /s /q "',root,'\joddicts\lab"'
        shell 'rd /s /q "',root,'\joddicts\toy"'
        shell 'rd /s /q "',root,'\joddicts\toy"'
        shell 'rd /s /q "',root,'\joddicts\playpen"'
        smoutput 'Lab temporary (win) dictionaries erased'
    elseif. IFUNIX do.
```

```
NB. avoid blanks in paths on Linux and Mac systems
shell 'rm -rf ',root,'/joddicts/labdev'
shell 'rm -rf ',root,'/joddicts/lab'
shell 'rm -rf ',root,'/joddicts/toy'
shell 'rm -rf ',root,'/joddicts/playpen'
smoutput 'Lab temporary (mac/linux) dictionaries erased'
elseif.do.
smoutput 'Erase any previous temporary lab dictionaries manually.'
end.
)
```

1.0.4 Remove any prior lab dictionaries

Lab temporary (win) dictionaries erased

1.0.5 This step creates the (lab) and (labdev) dictionaries

```
### smoutput newd 'labdev'

### NB. list available dictionaries

### sbx od ''

#
```

1.0.6 Opening and closing dictionaries

The JOD verb for opening and closing dictionaries is (od) or (open dictionary). JOD verbs are short and easy to type.

(od) can open dictionaries READWRITE and READONLY. As you might expect READONLY dictionaries cannot be changed by JOD verbs.

```
+-+---+
+-+----+
|1|closed ->|labdev|
+-+----+
```

1.0.7 Some return code basics

All JOD verbs return boxed list results. The first item is a return code: (1) good (0) bad. Remaining items are messages and, usually, error related information. JOD verbs perform extensive argument checking. If you break a JOD verb please email me (bakerjd99@gmail.com) and tell me what you did.

1.0.8 Online JOD documentation

JOD has extensive (pdf) documentation. JOD documentation can be accessed with the (jodhelp) verb.

(jodhelp) spawns a PDF reader task. JOD uses J's configured PDF reader on Windows and Linux systems and the "open" shell command on Macs.

1.0.9 Dictionary paths

The open dictionaries of JOD define a search and fetch path. The (did) (dictionary identification) verb lists the path.

The dyadic form of (did) returns details about the contents of each dictionary on the path.

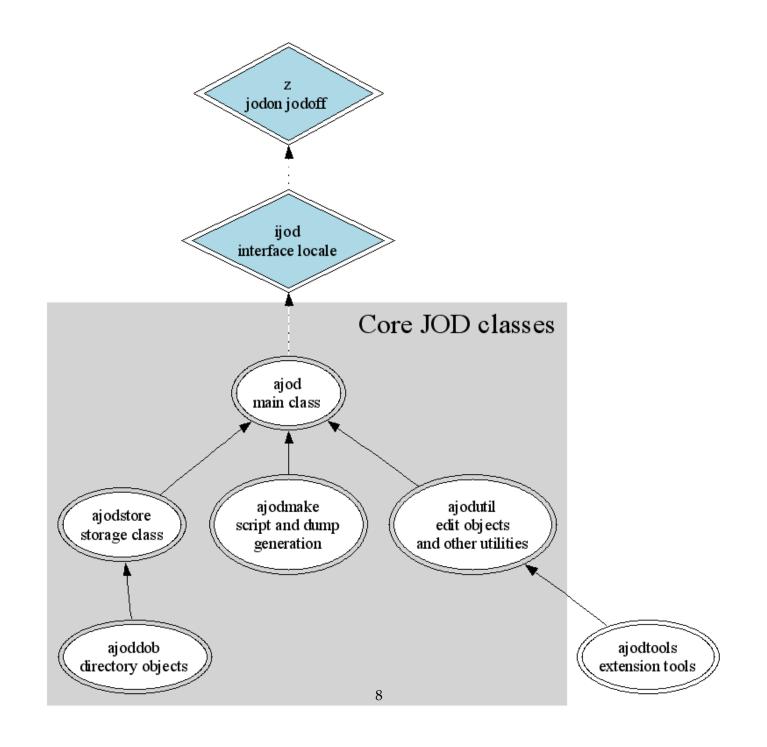
1.0.10 Some object orientation

The JOD system is a complete and detailed example of object oriented programming in J. The system consists of a number of classes (prefixed with 'ajod'). When the system loads a variety of objects are created. The basic architecture is a main dictionary object that contains four subobjects. Each open dictionary is also associated with a directory object. Directory objects are created and destroyed as required. The following diagram shows JOD's class structure.

```
In [11]: NB. objects beginning with 'ajod' are the JOD classes.
        smoutput 80 list conl 0
        NB. JOD consists of six basic objects and as
        NB. many directory objects as there are path items.
        conl 1
ajod
         ajoddob
                   ajodmake ajodstore ajodtools ajodutil base
                                                                    ijod
         jal
                   jcompare jdefs
                                      jdemo
                                                jfif
                                                          jfile
                                                                    jfiles
                   jijs
                                      jlab
ifilesrc ihs
                             jijx
                                                jlogin
                                                          jpacman
                                                                    jregex
jsocket
                             jtask
                                       qjide
         json
                   jsp
                                                Z
+-+-+-+-+-+-+
10|1|2|3|4|5|8|9|
+-+-+-+-+-+-+
```

1.0.11 The put dictionary concept

The first dictionary on the path is *special*. It is the only dictionary that can be modified by JOD verbs. Because most dictionary modifications are put's I call this dictionary the "put" dictionary.



It's important to understand that you can use the contents of the other dictionaries on the path but you cannot change them in any way.

1.0.12 Creating new dictionaries

Before modifying the contents of any dictionary let's create a new (toy) dictionary and make it the put dictionary.

```
+-+----+
+-+-----+
|1|put dictionary read/write status restored ->|toy|
```

1.0.13 Getting and putting words

In the first section I said JOD is a word storage and retrieval system. Now we are ready to (put) and (get) some words. First create some words to store.

(put) is the JOD command that stores words.

Save and erase the words. Take some time to convince yourself that the words have been erased before proceeding.

```
In [16]: NB. save words
smoutput put words

NB. erase definitions
erase words
```

```
+-+----+
|1|9 word(s) put in ->|toy|
+-+----+
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
```

Now retrieve the stored words and check that they are properly restored.

```
In [17]: NB. get words
get words
+-+----+
|1|9 word(s) defined|
+-+----+
```

1.0.14 Documentation 101

One of my pet peeves is undocumented code!

How often have you had to face hundreds, maybe thousands, of lines of code with nary a comment in sight. Comments are not for wimps and girly-men. Telling comments are a hallmark of good code.

JOD provides a number of ways to document words. When a word is introduced it's a good idea to store a short one line description of the word.

Of course you can view your stored descriptions with (get).

More detailed documentation can be stored and retrieved. This step loads a realistic example of word documentation into the current put dictionary and then displays with (disp).

(disp) is a JOD utility. It is the only verb that returns a character list (when successful) instead of the usual boxed (rc; value)

```
In [20]: NB. loads (changestr) and (changestr) documentation into the current put dictionary script '~addons\general\jod\jodlabs\labexample001.ijs'
```

This steps displays the long document loaded in the previous step.

*changestr v-- replaces substrings within a string.

This algorithm was adapted from an APL algorithm. It requires high speed boolean bit manipulation and is not as effective in current J systems as it is in some APL systems. Despite J's non-optimal booleans this verb is still fast enough to be fruitfully applied. On my 400MHZ NT machine you can make 20,000 length increasing replacements, (the worst case), in a 1 megabyte string in approximately one second. For 100 kilobyte strings typical operations complete is less than a

tenth of second.

High speed substring replacement is difficult to achieve in J and APL environments. This verb would be a good candidate for an external compiled routine.

```
dyad: clChanged =. clTargets changestr clStr
  '/change/becomes' changestr 'change me'
  '/delete' changestr 'delete me' NB. null replacement deletes
  NB. first character is delimiter
  '.remove..purge..wipe' changestr 'removepurgewipe'
  '/' changestr 'nothing happens'
  '' changestr 'nothing happens'
  '/nothing/happens' changestr 'no matches to change'
 NB. multiple replacements are made in left to right order
 t =. 'once all things were many'
  '/many/changes/all/at/once/ehh' changestr t
  NB. even null subtring replacements are allowed
  '//XX' changestr 'insert big x chars around us'
 NB. finally all this applies in a clean elegant
 NB. way to UNICODE strings as well
```

```
uchars=. u: 1033 + i. 500 NB. unicode string
datatype uchars NB. (datatype) from j profile

usub0=. (100+i.11){uchars NB. substrings
usub1=. (313+i.7){uchars
datatype usub0
datatype usub1

NB. strings that will not occur in the original
unew0=. u: 40027+i.33
unew1=. u: 50217+i.7

+./ unew0 E. uchars NB. not in uchars
+./ unew1 E. uchars

ucharsnew=. ('/',usub0,'/',unew0,'/',usub1,'/',unew1) changestr uchars
+./ unew0 E. ucharsnew NB. now in string
+./ unew1 E. ucharsnew
```

1.0.15 More putting and getting

(put) and (get) are quite flexible and can store entire locales. The locales can be named or numbered.

```
+-+----+
|1|78 word(s) put in ->|toy|
+-+----+
+-+----+
|1|78 word(s) defined|
+-+----+
```

1.0.16 Searching for words

Like most storage systems JOD provides facilities for searching the contents of its database. The main search command is (dnl) (dictionary name lists).

```
In [23]: NB. list all the words on the path beginning with 'du'
list }. dnl 'du'

dumpdictdoc dumpdoc dumpgs dumpheader dumpntstamps dumptext dumptm dumptrailer dumpwords
```

(dnl) can search for words, tests, groups, suites and macros.

This step creates some groups and then lists all the groups on the path that begin with 'JOD'.

1.0.17 What are these funny argument numbers?

By now you have probably noticed that many JOD verbs take integer arguments. JOD argument codes are of basically three types, object codes, option codes and qualifiers.

The objects JOD stores and retrieves all have object codes. The next table displays JOD object codes.

Option and qualifier codes select and modify options. They are all integers. For more information about argument codes read JOD's documentation.

Now look at some more (dnl) commands.

```
4 2 dnl 'ar'

+-+----+
|1|loctest|
+-+----+
+-++
|1||
+-++
|1||
+-+-
|1|1 macro(s) put in ->|toy|
+-+----+
|1|arrgh|
+-+---+
```

1.0.18 Groups and suites

JOD provides a simple way to group words and tests. A group is a collection of J words. A suite is a collection of J test scripts. You create and modify groups and suites with the (grp) verb.

1.0.19 You can list the contents of groups or suites with (grp)

1.0.20 Making groups and suites

One of the main advantages of storing J code in JOD vs. a plain script is that you can maintain a *single* version of a word, test, group or suite and then generate many J load scripts that use dictionary objects. Database designers call this "one version of the truth."

The following inserts a single word in a (toy) group and then generates scripts.

```
In [29]: NB. left justify table verb
    ljust=:' '&$: :(] |."_1~ i."1&0@(] e. [))

    NB. store in put dictionary
    put 'ljust'

    NB. insert in all put dictionary groups
    (}. 2 revo '') addgrp&> <'ljust'

    NB. lookup (revo) in jod.pdf with (jodhelp)

    NB. generate all put dictionary groups
    smoutput 0 mls&> }. 2 revo''
```

1.0.21 Macros

Tasks, like updating generated scripts, can be simplified with JOD macros. A JOD macro is an arbitrary J script that can be fetched and executed with (rm).

Running a JOD macro is a simple matter of opening the appropriate dictionaries and using (rm) - run macro.

21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Macros are not restricted to J scripts. You can also store HTML, LaTeX, XML, TEXT, BTYE, MARKDOWN, UTF8, SQL, PYTHON and JSON scripts in JOD dictionaries. Only J scripts can be run however.

```
In [32]: NB. store LaTeX (22) and HTML (23) texts
4 put 'latex';22;'... LaTeX code ...'

4 put 'html';23;' ... HTML code ...'

NB. store XNL and arbitrary TEXT (bytes).
4 put 'xml';XML_ajod_;'<test>this is lame xml</test>'

NB. BYTE is uninterpreted bytes and can store binaries - not recommended for large files.
4 put 'BIN';26;read_ajod_ jpath '~addons\general\jod\jmaster.ijf'

NB. byte size of macro
smoutput 4 15 get 'BIN'

NB. macro text types are contants in the main JOD class
JSCRIPT_ajod_, LATEX_ajod_, HTML_ajod_, XML_ajod_, TEXT_ajod_, BYTE_ajod_, MARKDOWN_ajod_, UTF8_ajod_, PYTHON_ajod_, SC
+-+-----+

11|106624|
+-+-----+
```

1.0.22 Loading dictionary dump scripts

To demonstrate other JOD features we need some words in our dictionary. The next step loads (labdump.ijs).

```
In [33]: NB. insure correct path
      od ;:'toy labdev lab' [ 3 od ''
      NB. load dump script
      0!:0 <jpath '~addons/general/jod/jodlabs/labdump.ijs'</pre>
+-+----+
|1|1 word(s) put in ->|toy|
+-+---+
+-+---+
|1|35 \text{ word(s)} put in ->|\text{toy}|
+-+---+
+-+----+
|1|36 word explanation(s) put in ->|toy|
+-+----+
+-+----+
|1|2 word document(s) put in ->|toy|
+-+----+
+-+----+
|1|group <bstats> put in -> |toy|
+-+----+
|1|group <sunmoon> put in ->|toy|
+-+----+
NB. end-of-JOD-dump-file regenerate cross references with: 0 globs&> }. revo ''
  Dump scripts do not store word references. They must be generated.
In [34]: NB. update word references - show first 5 messages
      5 {. 0 globs&> }. revo''
+-+----++++++++++
|1|<antimode> references put in -> |toy||||||||
```

1.0.23 Global references

| ||(*)=. |

JOD has facilities for carrying out static name analysis on J words and tests. The (globs) and (uses) verbs analyze and stored name references.

```
In [35]: NB. analyze names
   get 'dstat
   NB. classify name use in base locale word
   11 globs 'dstat'
+-+-----+
|1|+----+
| ||Global|+-----+----+|| | | | | | | |
    ||antimode|kurtosis|mean|median|mode2|q1|q3|skewness|stddev|||
    |+-----+---+----+||
| |+----+
| ||Local |+---+-+
    |+---+--+-+
| |+-----
| ||(*)=: |
| |+----+
```

You can update global word references.

(uses) retrieves stored references.

```
In [37]: NB. global references for (dstat)
uses 'dstat'
```

(uses) becomes very "useful" when all words have stored references.

(uses) can return many reference lists at once. The same path search mechanism is used for retrieving references.

```
In [39]: NB. global references of words beginning with 'm'
     NB. uses }. dnl 'm'
    NB. global references of words ending with 's'
     uses }. 0 3 dnl's'
+-+-----+
|1|+----++|
        |+----+
| ||calmoons
        ||fromjulian|moons|
1 11
        |+----+
| |+----++|
| ||cos
| |+----++|
| ||dumpgs
| |+-----+| |
| ||dumpntstamps|
| |+----++|
| ||dumpwords |
| |+----++|
| ||extscopes
| |+----++|
| ||floats
| |+----++|
| ||fuserows
| |+----++|
| ||getallts
| |+----++|
```

halfbits +	 -++
 jscriptdefs	
kurtosis 	+++
makegs	-+ -+
moons 	++
+ namecats	
opaqnames	-, -+
putallts	
 rationals	
skewness 	+++
symbols	
 wrdglobals	-+
writeijs	
+ yeardates 	

1.0.24 The uses union

Option 31 of (uses) returns the *uses-union* of a word. The uses-union is basically a unique list of all the words on the call tree of a word.

1.0.25 Generating load scripts

JOD can generate J load scripts from dictionary groups. The generated scripts are written to the put dictionary's script subdirectory.

(mls) appends generated scripts to the current user's startup.ijs file so they can be loaded independently of JOD. Note: mls scripts are added to PUBLIC_j_ or Public_j_ for the current user.

```
In [42]: NB. load generated script
        load 'sunmoon'
        calmoons 2019 NB. full (1) and new (0) moons in 2019
0 2019 1 5
1 2019 1 20
0 2019 2 4
1 2019 2 19
0 2019 3 6
1 2019 3 20
0 2019 4 4
1 2019 4 18
0 2019 5 4
1 2019 5 18
0 2019 6 2
1 2019 6 16
0 2019 7 2
1 2019 7 16
0 2019 7 31
1 2019 8 15
0 2019 8 29
1 2019 9 13
0 2019 9 28
1 2019 10 13
0 2019 10 27
1 2019 11 12
0 2019 11 26
1 2019 12 11
0 2019 12 25
```

1.0.26 Generating scripts on demand

JOD can also generate and load scripts without creating load scripts.

1.0.27 Backing up and restoring dictionaries

JOD is database for J words, scripts and other precious program texts. Most database systems have means for backing up and restoring databases and JOD does as well. The (packd) verb backups up a database.

(packd) copies the current dictionary files to the backup subdirectory and prefixes all the files with a unique ever increasing backup number.

(restd) restores the last backup by selecting backup files with the highest prefix.

In addition to restoring entire backups JOD supports fetching individual objects from particular backups.

```
In [48]: NB. open (toy) and create new backup
    od 'toy' [ 3 od ''
        smoutput packd 'toy'

    NB. display available backup numbers
    smoutput bnl '.'

    NB. all words in last backup
    sbx bnl ''
```

Objects fetched from backups are not defined in locales for the simple reason that many versions of the same object may be retrieved. Backup text and binaries are recovered by editing the fetched data and selecting what you need.

(packd) creates binary backups. You can also backup dictionaries as dump scripts. Dump scripts are single J scripts that can be used to backup, copy and merge dictionaries.

When we load (toydump) into a new dictionary observe how the path is changed. The dictionaries have been merged.

```
In [51]: NB. new dictionary
     newd 'playpen' [ 3 od ''
     NB. open
     od 'playpen'
     NB. load (toydump)
     0!:0 < ;{: toydump
     NB. dictionary information
     did~ 0
+-+----+
|1|42 word(s) put in ->|playpen|
+-+----+
+-+----+
|1|50 word(s) put in ->|playpen|
+-+----+
+-+----+
|1|32 word(s) put in ->|playpen|
+-+----+
+-+----+
|1|38 word explanation(s) put in ->|playpen|
+-+----+
+-+----+
|1|1 word document(s) put in ->|playpen|
+-+----+
+-+----+
|1|2 word document(s) put in ->|playpen|
+-+----+
+-+----+
|1|1 test(s) put in ->|playpen|
+-+----+
+-+----+
|1|6 macro(s) put in ->|playpen|
```

```
+-+----+
+-+----+
|1|group <bstats> put in -> |playpen|
+-+----+
|1|group <loctest> put in -> |playpen|
+-+----+
|1|group <strings> put in -> |playpen|
+-+----+
|1|group <sunmoon> put in -> |playpen|
+-+----+
|1|group <testgroup> put in ->|playpen|
+-+----+
+-+----+
|1|suite <testsuite> put in ->|playpen|
+-+----+
NB. end-of-JOD-dump-file regenerate cross references with: O globs&> }. revo ''
+-+----+
|1|+----+
     |--|Words|Tests|Groups*|Suites*|Macros|Path*
| | | -----+
| ||playpen|rw|124 |1 |5 |1 |6
| |+----+-+---+---+|
 -----+
```

1.0.28 Final words

You now have some idea of what JOD is all about. To learn more read JOD's documentation and run the other JOD labs. If you have any problems, questions or complaints please email me at bakerjd99@gmail.com

```
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In [52]: NB. close any open dictionaries
3 od ''
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+-+----+ |1|closed ->|playpen| +-+----+