



JSON Data

Introduction

JavaScript Object Notation (JSON)

- Standard for “serializing” data objects, usually in files
- Human-readable, useful for data interchange
- Also useful for representing & storing semistructured data

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JavaScript Object Notation (JSON)

- No longer tied to JavaScript
- Parsers for many languages

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Basic constructs (recursive)

- Base values
number, string, boolean, ...
- Objects `{ }`
sets of label-value pairs
- Arrays `[]`
lists of values

property


Relational Model versus JSON

	Relational	JSON
Structure	Tables	Nested Sets Arrays
Schema	Fixed in advance	"Self-describing" Flexible
Queries	Simple expressive languages	Not widely used 
Ordering	None.	Arrays.
Implementation	Native systems.	Coupled with PLs. NoSQL Systems.

XML versus JSON



JSON Introduction

	XML	JSON
Verbosity	More	Less
Complexity	More	Less
Validity 	DTDs widely used XSDs	JSON Schema not widely used
Prog. Interface	Clunky "Impedence mismatch"	More direct
Querying	XPath - XQuery XSLT -	JSON Path JAGQL JSON Query

Syntactically valid JSON

Adheres to basic structural requirements

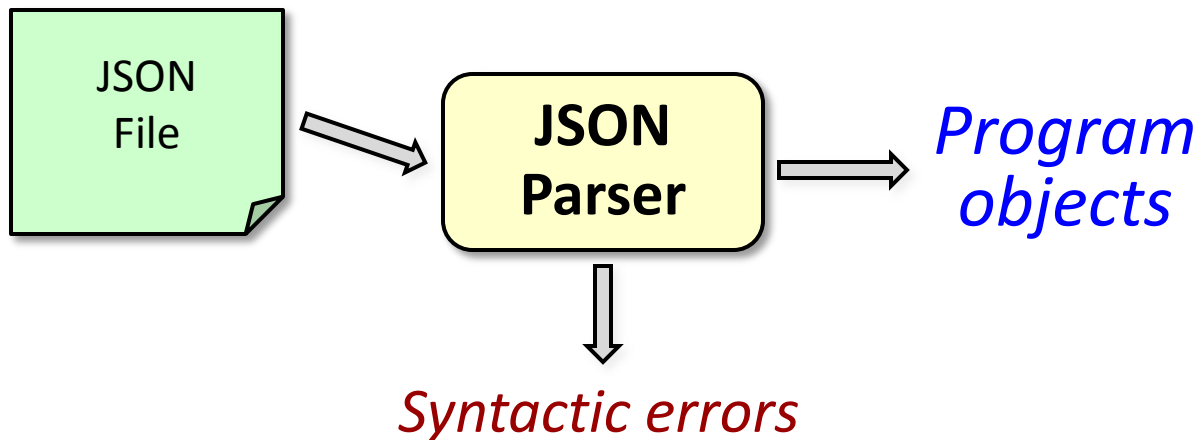
- Sets of label-value pairs
- Arrays of values
- Base values from predefined types

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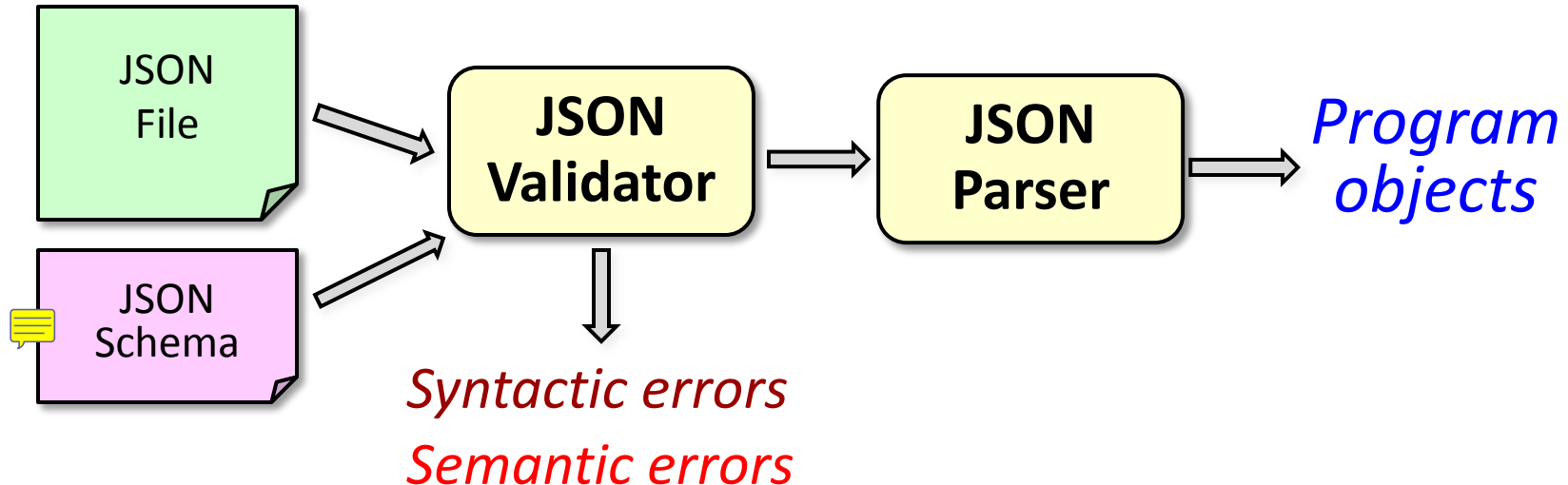
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Semantically valid JSON

Adheres to basic structural requirements
+ conforms to specified schema



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