

JSON

Introduction

- JSON, or JavaScript Object Notation, is a minimal, readable format for **structuring data**.
- It is used primarily to transmit data between a **server** and **web application**.
- JSON is built **on two structures**:
 - A collection of **name/value pairs**. In various languages, this is realized as an object, record, struct, dictionary, hash table, keyed list, or associative array.
 - An ordered list of values. In most languages, this is realized as an **array, vector, list, or sequence**.

How does JSON data look like ?

```
{
  "Name" :
  {
    "Fname": Byomkesh
    "Lname": Bakshi
  }
  "Address":
  {
    "State": Kolkatta
    "Pincode": 000405
  }
}
```

Start of Json file

key

Start of Json object

End of Json object

key

Value

End of Json file

```
{
  "Names" :
  [
    {
      "Fname": Byomkesh
      "Lname": Bakshi
    }
    {
      "Fname": Dibakar
      "Lname": Banerjee
    }
  ]
}
```

Start of Json Array

End of Json Array

GSON

Introduction

- Gson is an **Open Source project**.
- Gson is a Java library that can be used to convert Java Objects into their **JSON representation**.
- It can also be used to convert a **JSON string** to an equivalent Java object.
- Gson can work with arbitrary Java objects including **pre-existing objects**.
- For this purpose Gson provides several built in **serializers** and **deserializers**.

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Usage

- Serializer allows to convert a Json string to corresponding Java type.
- Deserializers allows to convert from Java to a JSON representation.
- To use Gson in a **Gradle build**, add compile **'com.google.code.gson:gson:2.6.2'** or a later version
- Serialization Example :

```
String jsonData= new Gson().toJson(YourClassObjectHere);
```
- Deserialization Example

```
Gson gson = new Gson();  
Type type = new TypeToken<YourClass>() {}.getType();  
YourClassObjectHere = gson.fromJson(Util.jsonData, type);
```