



# CS 337

## JSON

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# JSON

- JavaScript Object Notation
- Basically, a text representation of Js objects  
/ arrays / key+value pairs
- Easily human-readable, easily  
machine-readable
- A data format, useful for transferring data  
to/from Js clients and servers
  - (as opposed to CSV, XML, etc)

# An Example

## **people.csv**

```
name,hgt,lbs  
Joe,75,200  
Jack,60,170  
John,70,175
```

## **people.json**

```
{ "people": [  
  ["Joe", 75, 200],  
  ["Jack", 60, 170],  
  ["John", 70, 175]  
]}
```

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## people.json

```
{ "people": [  
  {"name": "Joe", "hgt": 75, "wgt": 200},  
  {"name": "Jack", "hgt": 60, "wgt": 170},  
  {"name": "John", "hgt": 70, "wgt": 175}  
]}
```

# Represent a responsibilities item with JSON

```
{ "name": "complete PA 8",  
  "stat": "INPROGRESS",  
  "difficulty": 7,  
  "list": "school" }
```

# Represent multiple lists item with JSON

```
{ "item": [  
  { "name": "complete PA 8",  
    "stat": "INPROGRESS",  
    "difficulty": 7,  
    "list": "school" },  
  { "name": "find final project group",  
    "stat": "INPROGRESS",  
    "difficulty": 5,  
    "list": "school" },  
  . . .  
]}
```

# Represent multiple lists item with JSON

```
{
  "school": [
    { "name": "complete PA 8", "stat": "INPROGRESS",
      "difficulty": 7, "list": "school" },
    { "name": "find final project group", "stat": "INPROGRESS",
      "difficulty": 5, "list": "school" } ],
  "TA": [
    { "name": "grade PA 7", "stat": "INPROGRESS",
      "difficulty": 9, "list": "TA" },
    { "name": "grade exams", "stat": "TOBESTARTED",
      "difficulty": 9, "list": "TA" } ],
  . . . .
}
```

# JSON

- **JSON.parse()** Converts a JSON string to a Javascript object
- **JSON.stringify()** Converts a Javascript object to a string
- Can call **stringify** before sending data, and **parse** after receiving data



Change the responsibilities application to  
send/receive JSON

Change the app to have list Categories as well