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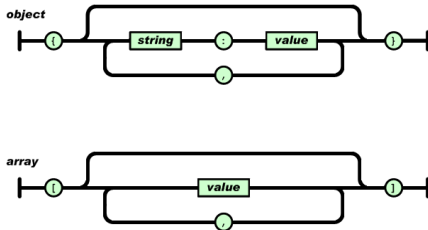
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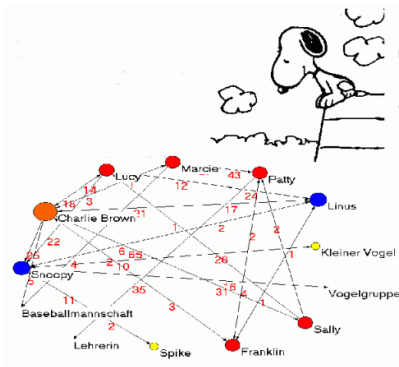
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Alexandra Schuler/ Marion Laging-Glaser:
Analyse von Snoopy Comics

A *network* is based on two sets – set of *nodes* (vertices), that represent the selected *units*, and set of *links* (lines), that represent *ties* between units. They determine a *graph*. A link can be *directed* – an *arc*, or *undirected* – an *edge*.

Additional data about nodes or links can be known – their *properties* (attributes). For example: name/label, type, value, ...

Network = Graph + Data

The data can be measured or computed.

A *network* $\mathcal{N} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{W})$ consists of:

- a *graph* $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{L})$, where \mathcal{V} is the set of nodes, \mathcal{A} is the set of arcs, \mathcal{E} is the set of edges, and $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{E} \cup \mathcal{A}$ is the set of links.

$$n = |\mathcal{V}|, m = |\mathcal{L}|$$

- \mathcal{P} *node value functions* / properties: $p: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow A$
- \mathcal{W} *link value functions* / weights: $w: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow B$

Visual complexity, Icon index, Network Repository

In a *two-mode* network $\mathcal{N} = ((\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}), \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{W})$ the set of nodes consists of two disjoint sets of nodes \mathcal{U} and \mathcal{V} , and all the links from \mathcal{L} have one endnode in \mathcal{U} and the other node in \mathcal{V} .

A classical example of two-mode network are the Southern women (Davis 1941).

NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS OF GROUP I	CODE NUMBERS AND DATES OF SOCIAL EVENTS REPORTED IN <i>Old City Herald</i>													
	(1) 6/27	(2) 3/2	(3) 4/12	(4) 9/16	(5) 2/25	(6) 5/19	(7) 3/15	(8) 9/16	(9) 4/6	(10) 6/10	(11) 3/23	(12) 4/7	(13) 11/21	(14) 8/3
1. Mrs. Evelyn Jefferson.....	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
2. Miss Laura Mandeville.....	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X					
3. Miss Theresa Anderson.....		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
4. Miss Brenda Rogers.....	X		X	X	X	X	X	X						
5. Miss Charlotte McDowd.....			X	X	X		X							
6. Miss Frances Anderson.....			X		X	X	X	X						
7. Miss Eleanor Nye.....					X	X	X							
8. Miss Pearl Ogleshorpe.....						X	X	X	X					
9. Miss Ruth DeSand.....					X		X	X	X					
10. Miss Verne Sanderson.....							X	X	X				X	
11. Miss Myra Liddell.....								X	X	X		X	X	
12. Miss Katherine Rogers.....								X	X	X		X	X	X
13. Mrs. Sylvia Avondale.....								X	X	X		X	X	X
14. Mrs. Nora Fayette.....						X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
15. Mrs. Helen Lloyd.....							X	X	X	X		X		
16. Mrs. Dorothy Murchison.....								X	X	X				
17. Mrs. Olivia Carleton.....								X	X	X		X		
18. Mrs. Flora Price.....								X	X	X				

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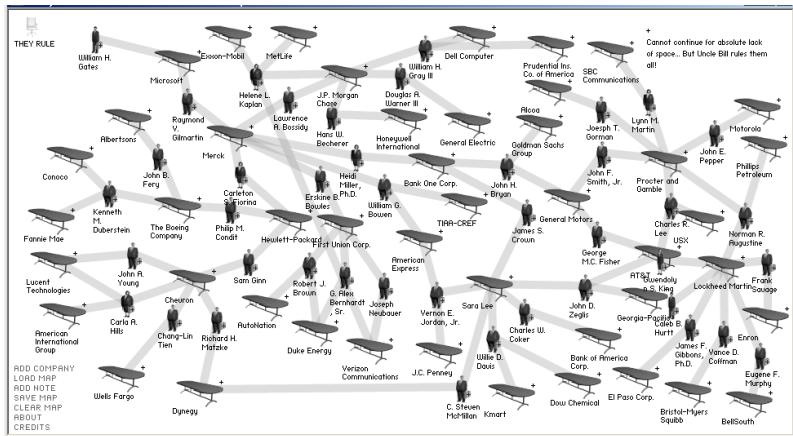
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A *temporal network*

$$\mathcal{N}_T = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{W}, T)$$

is obtained if the *time* T is attached to an ordinary network. T is a set of *time points* $t \in T$.

In temporal network nodes $v \in \mathcal{V}$ and links $l \in \mathcal{L}$ are not necessarily present or active in all time points. If a link $l(u, v)$ is active in time point t then also its endnodes u and v should be active in time t .

Also the properties of nodes and links can change through time. To describe the changes we introduce the temporal quantities (TQ) [5, 2].

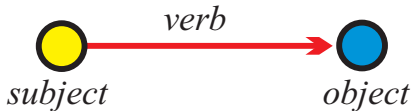
We denote the network consisting of links and nodes active in time $t \in T$ by $\mathcal{N}(t)$ and call it a *time slice* in time point t .

In a *multirelational* network

$$\mathcal{N} = (\mathcal{V}, (\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_2, \dots, \mathcal{L}_k), \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{W})$$

the set of links \mathcal{L} is partitioned into subsets (*relations*) \mathcal{L}_i .

Important for encoding textual data according to the S-V-O (*Subject-Verb-Object*) model or its improvements.



Examples: *Roberto Franzosi*; *KEDS*, *Tabari*, *KEDS / Gulf*.

This coding can be directly considered as network with *Subjects* \cup *Objects* as nodes and links (arcs) labeled with *Verbs*.

See also *RDF* triples in *semantic web*, *SPARQL*.



Multi-relational temporal network – KEDS/WEIS

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% Recoded by WEISmonths, Sun Nov 28 21:57:00 2004

% from http://www.ku.edu/~keds/data.dir/balk.html

*vertices 325

1 "AFG" [1-*]
2 "AFR" [1-*]
3 "ALB" [1-*]
4 "ALBMED" [1-*]
5 "ALG" [1-*]

318 "YUGGOV" [1-*]
319 "YUGMAC" [1-*]
320 "YUGMED" [1-*]
321 "YUGMTN" [1-*]
322 "YUGSER" [1-*]
323 "ZAI" [1-*]
324 "ZAM" [1-*]
325 "ZIM" [1-*]

*arcs :0 "*** ABANDONED"

*arcs :10 "YIELD"

*arcs :11 "SURRENDER"

*arcs :12 "RETREAT"

*arcs :223 "MIL ENGAGEMENT"

*arcs :224 "RIOT"

*arcs :225 "ASSASSINATE TORTURE"

*arcs

224: 314 153 1 [4]

890402 YUG KSV 224 (RIOT) RIOT-TORN

212: 314 83 1 [4]

890404 YUG ETHALB 212 (ARREST PERSON) ALB ETHNIC JAILED

224: 3 83 1 [4]

890407 ALB ETHALB 224 (RIOT) RIOTS

123: 83 153 1 [4]

890408 ETHALB KSV 123 (INVESTIGATE) PROBING

42: 105 63 1 [175]

030731 GER CYP 042 (ENDORSE) GAVE SUPPORT

212: 295 35 1 [175]

030731 UNWCT BOSSER 212 (ARREST PERSON) SENTENCED TO PRIS

43: 306 87 1 [175]

030731 VAT EUR 043 (RALLY) RALLIED

13: 295 35 1 [175]

030731 UNWCT BOSSER 013 (RETRACT) CLEARED

121: 295 22 1 [175]

030731 UNWCT BAL 121 (CRITICIZE) CHARGES

122: 246 295 1 [175]

030731 SER UNWCT 122 (DENIGRATE) TESTIFIED

121: 35 295 1 [175]

030731 BOSSER UNWCT 121 (CRITICIZE) ACCUSED

Kansas Event Data System *KEDS*



In a *linked* or *multimodal* network

$$\mathcal{N} = ((\mathcal{V}_1, \mathcal{V}_2, \dots, \mathcal{V}_j), (\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_2, \dots, \mathcal{L}_k), \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{W})$$

the set of nodes \mathcal{V} is partitioned into subsets (*modes*) \mathcal{V}_i , $\mathcal{L}_s \subseteq \mathcal{V}_p \times \mathcal{V}_q$, and properties and weights are usually partial functions.

How to describe a network \mathcal{N} ? In principle the answer is simple – we list its components \mathcal{V} , \mathcal{L} , \mathcal{P} , and \mathcal{W} .

The simplest way is to describe a network \mathcal{N} by providing $(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{P})$ and $(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{W})$ in a form of two tables.

As an example, let us describe a part of network determined by the following works:

Generalized blockmodeling, Clustering with relational constraint, Partitioning signed social networks, The Strength of Weak Ties

There are nodes of different types (modes): persons, papers, books, series, journals, publishers; and different relations among them: author_of, editor_of, contained_in, cites, published_by.

Both tables are often maintained in Excel. They can be exported as text in **CSV** (Comma Separated Values) format.



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```
name;mode;country;sex;year;vol;num;fPage;lPage;x;y
"Batagelj, Vladimir";person;SI;m;;;;;;809.1;653.7
"Doreian, Patrick";person;US;m;;;;;;358.5;679.1
"Ferligoj, Anuška";person;SI;f;;;;;;619.5;680.7
"Granovetter, Mark";person;US;m;;;;;;145.6;660.5
"Moustaki, Irini";person;UK;f;;;;;;783.0;228.0
"Mrvar, Andrej";person;SI;m;;;;;;478.0;630.1
"Clustering with relational constraint";paper;;;1982;47;;413;426;684.1;3
"The Strength of Weak Ties";paper;;;1973;78;6;1360;1380;111.3;329.4
"Partitioning signed social networks";paper;;;2009;31;1;1;11;408.0;337.8
"Generalized Blockmodeling";book;;;2005;24;;1;385;533.0;445.9
"Psychometrika";journal;;;;;;741.8;086.1
"Social Networks";journal;;;;;;321.4;236.5
"The American Journal of Sociology";journal;;;;;;111.3;168.9
"Structural Analysis in the Social Sciences";series;;;;;;310.4;082.8
"Cambridge University Press";publisher;UK;;;;;;534.3;238.2
"Springer";publisher;US;;;;;;884.6;174.0
```

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In large networks, to avoid the empty cells, we split a network to some subnetworks – a collection.



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```
from;relation;to
"Batagelj, Vladimir";authorOf;"Generalized Blockmodeling"
"Doreian, Patrick";authorOf;"Generalized Blockmodeling"
"Ferligoj, Anuška";authorOf;"Generalized Blockmodeling"
"Batagelj, Vladimir";authorOf;"Clustering with relational constraint"
"Ferligoj, Anuška";authorOf;"Clustering with relational constraint"
"Granovetter, Mark";authorOf;"The Strength of Weak Ties"
"Granovetter, Mark";editorOf;"Structural Analysis in the Social Sciences"
"Doreian, Patrick";authorOf;"Partitioning signed social networks"
"Mrvar, Andrej";authorOf;"Partitioning signed social networks"
"Moustaki, Irini";editorOf;"Psychometrika"
"Doreian, Patrick";editorOf;"Social Networks"
"Generalized Blockmodeling";containedIn;"Structural Analysis in the Social Sciences"
"Clustering with relational constraint";containedIn;"Psychometrika"
"The Strength of Weak Ties";containedIn;"The American Journal of Sociology"
"Partitioning signed social networks";containedIn;"Social Networks"
"Partitioning signed social networks";cites;"Generalized Blockmodeling"
"Generalized Blockmodeling";cites;"Clustering with relational constraint"
"Structural Analysis in the Social Sciences";publishedBy;"Cambridge University Press"
"Psychometrika";publishedBy;"Springer"
```

[bibLinks.csv](#)



Factorization and description of large networks

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To save space and improve the computing efficiency we often replace values of categorical variables with integers. In R this encoding is called a *factorization*.

We enumerate all possible values of a given categorical variable (coding table) and afterwards replace each its value by the corresponding index in the coding table.

This approach is used in most programs dealing with large networks. Unfortunately the coding table is often a kind of meta-data.

```

# transforming CSV file to Pajek files
# by Vladimir Batagelj, June 2016
# setwd("C:/Users/batagelj/work/Python/graph/SVG/EUSN")
# colC <- c(rep("character",4),rep("numeric",7)); nas=c("", "NA", "NaN")
# colC <- c(rep("character",4),rep("numeric",5)); nas=c("", "NA", "NaN")
nodes <- read.csv2("bibNodes.csv",encoding='UTF-8',colClasses=colC,na.strings=nas)
n <- nrow(nodes); M <- factor(nodes$mode); S <- factor(nodes$sex)
mod <- levels(M); sx <- levels(S); S <- as.numeric(S); S[is.na(S)] <- 0
links <- read.csv2("bibLinks.csv",encoding='UTF-8',colClasses="character")
F <- factor(links$from,levels=nodes$name,ordered=TRUE)
T <- factor(links$to,levels=nodes$name,ordered=TRUE)
R <- factor(links$relation); rel <- levels(R)
net <- file("bib.net","w"); cat('*vertices ',n,'\n',file=net)
clu <- file("bibMode.clu","w"); sex <- file("bibSex.clu","w")
cat('%',file=clu); cat('%',file=sex)
for(i in 1:length(mod)) cat(' ',i,mod[i],file=clu)
cat('\n*vertices ',n,'\n',file=clu)
for(i in 1:length(sx)) cat(' ',i,sx[i],file=sex)
cat('\n*vertices ',n,'\n',file=sex)
for(v in 1:n) {
  cat(v,' ',nodes$name[v],'\n',sep='',file=net);
  cat(M[v],'\n',file=clu); cat(S[v],'\n',file=sex)
}
for(r in 1:length(rel)) cat('*arcs :',r,' ',rel[r],'\n',sep='',file=net)
cat('*arcs\n',file=net)
for(a in 1:nrow(links))
  cat(R[a],': ',F[a],', ',T[a], ' 1 1 ',rel[R[a]],'\n',sep='',file=net)
close(net); close(clu); close(sex)

```

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```

*vertices 16
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*arcs :2 "cites"
*arcs :3 "containedIn"
*arcs :4 "editorOf"
*arcs :5 "publishedBy"

*arcs
1: 1 10 1 1 "authorOf"
1: 2 10 1 1 "authorOf"
1: 3 10 1 1 "authorOf"
1: 1 7 1 1 "authorOf"
1: 3 7 1 1 "authorOf"
1: 4 8 1 1 "authorOf"
4: 4 14 1 1 "editorOf"
1: 2 9 1 1 "authorOf"
1: 6 9 1 1 "authorOf"
4: 5 11 1 1 "editorOf"
4: 2 12 1 1 "editorOf"
3: 10 14 1 1 "containedIn"
3: 7 11 1 1 "containedIn"
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2: 10 7 1 1 "cites"
5: 14 15 1 1 "publishedBy"
5: 11 16 1 1 "publishedBy"

```

[bib.net](#), [bibMode.clu](#), [bibSex.clu](#); [bib.paj](#), [bib.ini](#).

Bibliographic network – picture / Pajek

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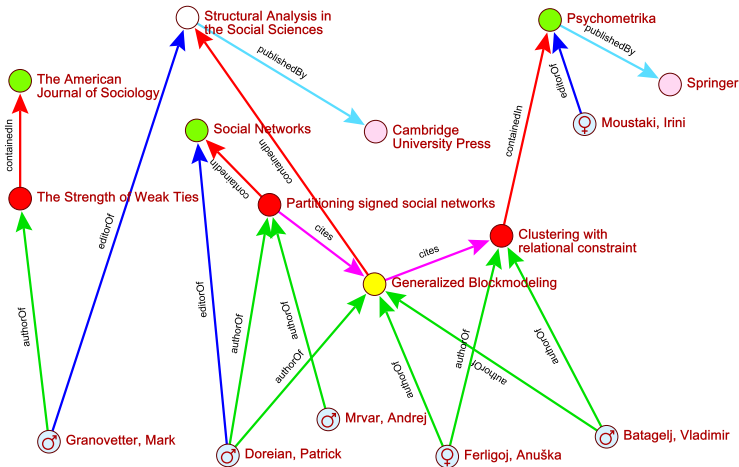
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For dealing with networks with properties with structured values (for example, temporal quantities) we are developing a Python package Nets [3].

For describing temporal networks we initially, extending Pajek format, defined and used the lanus format.

In 2015 we started to develop a new format based on JSON – we named it netJSON. On February 26, 2019 the format was renamed to NetsJSON because of the collision with <http://netjson.org/rfc.html>.

NetsJSON has two formats: a *basic* and a *general* format. Current implementation of the Nets / TQ library supports only the basic format.

Besides for a *description* of networks with structured values, NetsJSON should *envelope* (most of) existing network description formats [6] (archiving, conversion) and provide input data for D3.js *visualizations*.

XML api – JSON api

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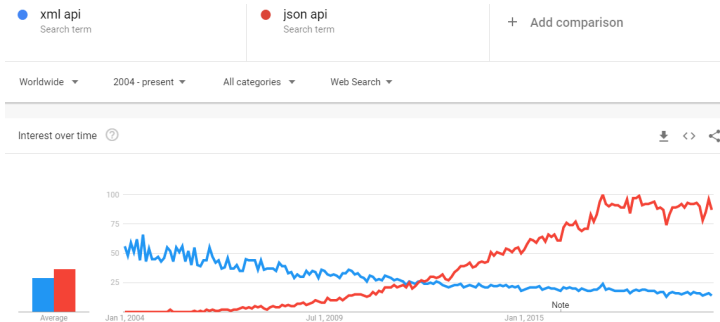
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In near past, for description of structured data the **XML** (Extensible Markup Language) was mostly used. In last years a JSON format started to replace it. **Google trends** (March 2020)



JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) is a text data format that preserves the structure of data objects. It is “compatible” with basic data structures in modern programming languages.

The initial version of JSON was developed by Douglas Crockford (around 2002). He based it on the Javascript notation. The principal idea is: if we apply on a string (sequence of characters) containing a description of a data object, the Javascript function `eval` we get as its result the corresponding data object. JSON is a programming language independent, open code standard for exchange of data among programs.

Two JSON standards exist:

- The JSON Data Interchange Format. [Standard ECMA-404](#), October 2013.
- The JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) Data Interchange Format [Request for Comments: 7159](#), March 2014.



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```
{
  "firstName": "John",
  "lastName": "Smith",
  "isAlive": true,
  "age": 25,
  "address": {
    "streetAddress": "21 2nd Street",
    "city": "New York",
    "state": "NY",
    "postalCode": "10021-3100"
  },
  "phoneNumbers": [
    {
      "type": "home",
      "number": "212 555-1234"
    },
    {
      "type": "office",
      "number": "646 555-4567"
    }
  ],
  "children": [],
  "spouse": null
}
```

[Wikipedia](#)



XML is appropriate for describing the structure of textual data, JSON is becoming the first choice for describing structured data.

JSON has much simpler grammar, is more readable and compatible with basic data structures in modern programming languages.

All keys (names of fields) are in double quotes.

JSON files are by default based on the encoding Unicode (UTF-8).

The MIME type for JSON files is `application/json`, the recommended file extension is `.json`.

For work with JSON there exists supporting libraries for all important programming languages <http://www.json/>.

```

value
  object
  array
  string
  number
  true
  false
  null
object
  { }
  { members }
members
  pair
  pair , members
pair
  string : value
array
  [ ]
  [ elements ]
elements
  value
  value , elements

```

```

string
  ""
  " chars "
chars
  char
  char chars
char
  any-Unicode-character-except-
  "-or-\-or-control-character
  \"
  \\
  \/
  \b
  \f
  \n
  \r
  \t
  \u four-hex-digits
number
  int
  int frac
  int exp
  int frac exp

```

```

int
  digit
  digit1-9 digits
  - digit
  - digit1-9 digits
frac
  . digits
exp
  e digits
digits
  digit
  digit digits
e
  e
  e+
  e-
  E
  E+
  E-

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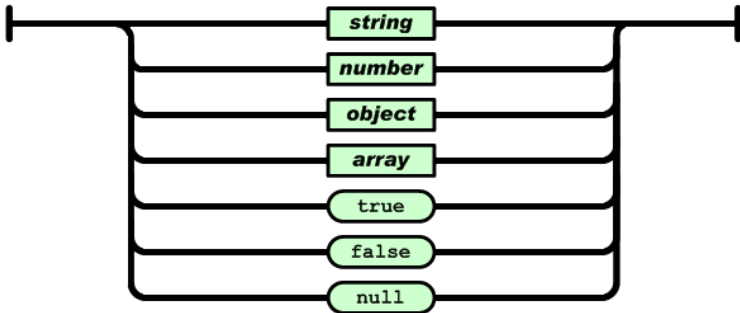
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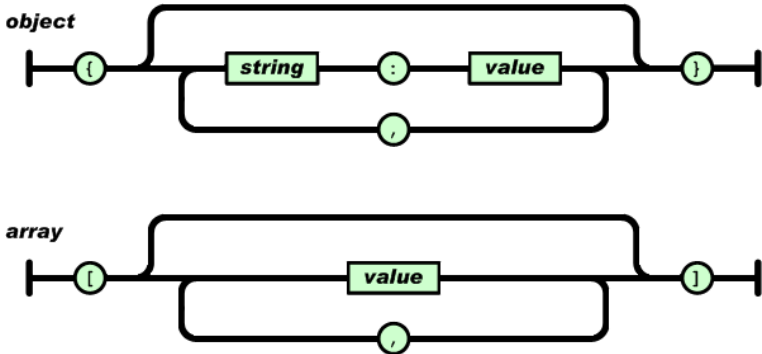
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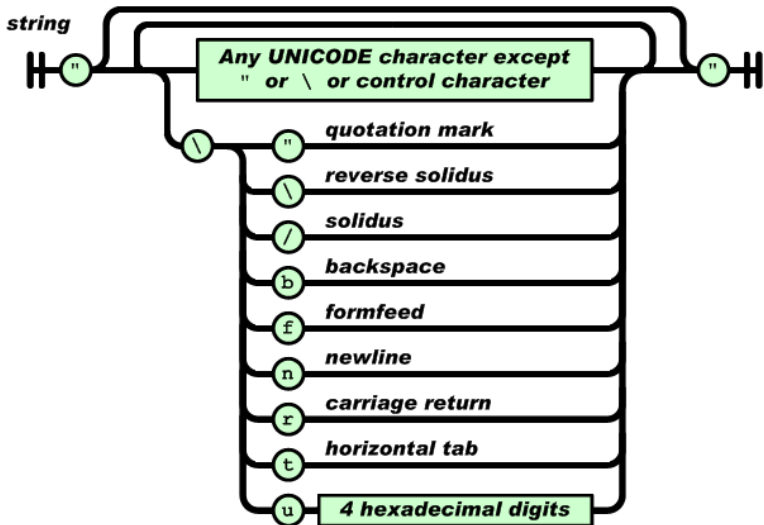
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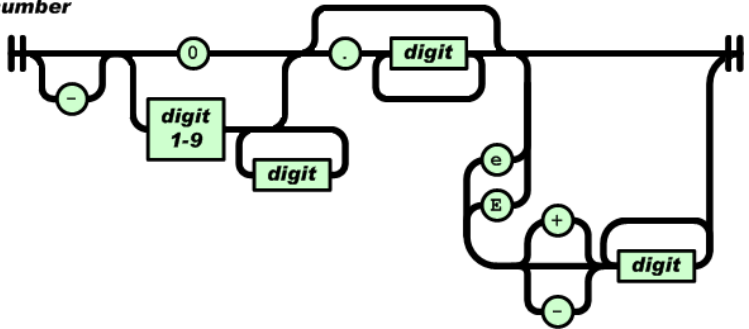
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value





number

A JSON file is *well formed* iff it respects JSON's grammar. *Is my file well formed?* service. *JSONlint - another checker*. We can inspect it using a web browser!!!

JSON editor

Similar to XML's DTD files or schema, we can impose additional restrictions to the structure of JSON files describing special types of data using *JSON schema* – the JSON files respecting these additional restrictions are called *valid*.

Github, validation, JSON Schema Lint, JSON Schema validator.

R packages *jsonlite, rjson* and *RJSONIO*. *jsonlite Quick start*



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```
> library(jsonlite)
> J <- fromJSON(readLines("john.json"))
> J
$firstName
[1] "John"

$lastName
[1] "Smith"

...
$phoneNumbers
  type      number
1  home 212 555-1234
2 office 646 555-4567

$children
list()

$spouse
NULL

> john <- toJSON(J)
> john
{"firstName":["John"],"lastName":["Smith"],"isAlive":[true],"age":[25],
"city":["New York"],"state":["NY"],"postalCode":["10021-3100"]},
"phoneNumbers":{"type":"office","number":"646 555-4567"}},
"children": [], "spouse": {}}
> js <- file("john2.json",encoding="UTF-8")
> write(john,file=js)
```



Informal description of the basic NetsJSON format

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```
{
  "NetsJSON": "basic",
  "info": {
    "org":1, "nNodes":n, "nArcs":mA, "nEdges":mE,
    "simple":TF, "directed":TF, "multirel":TF, "mode":m,
    "network":fName, "title":title,
    "time": { "Tmin":tm, "Tmax":tM, "Tlabs": {labs} },
    "meta": [events], ...
  },
  "nodes": [
    { "id":nodeId, "lab":label, "x":x, "y":y, ... },
    ***
  ]
  "links": [
    { "type":arc/edge, "n1":nodeID1, "n2":nodeID2, "rel":r, ... }
    ***
  ]
}
```

where ... are user defined properties and *** is a sequence of such elements.



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An event description can contain fields:

```
{  "date": date,
   "title": short description,
   "author": name,
   "desc": long description,
   "url": URL,
   "cite": reference,
   "copy": copyright
}
```

for describing temporal networks a node element and a link element has an additional required property tq

Example 1, Franzosi's violence network / UTF-8 no sig



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```
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setwd("C:/Users/batagelj/work/Python/graph/SVG/EUSN")
library(rjson)
colC <- c(rep("character",4),rep("numeric",5)); nas <- c("", "NA", "NaN")
nodes <- read.csv2("bibNodesXY.csv",encoding='UTF-8',colClasses=colC,na.strings=nas)
M <- factor(nodes$mode); mod <- levels(M); M <- as.numeric(M)
S <- factor(nodes$sex); sx <- levels(S); S <- as.numeric(S); S[is.na(S)] <- 0
links <- read.csv2("bibLinks.csv",encoding='UTF-8',colClasses="character")
F <- as.numeric(factor(links$from,levels=nodes$name,ordered=TRUE))
T <- as.numeric(factor(links$to,levels=nodes$name,ordered=TRUE))
R <- factor(links$relation); rel <- levels(R); R <- as.numeric(R)
n <- nrow(nodes); nods <- vector('list',n)
for(i in 1:n) nods[[i]] <- list(id=i,name=nodes$name[i],mode=M[i],
  sex=S[i],x=as.numeric(nodes$x[i])/1000,y=as.numeric(nodes$y[i])/1000)
m <- nrow(links); lnks <- vector('list',m)
for(i in 1:m) lnks[[i]] <- list(type="arc",source=F[i],target=T[i],
  rel=R[i],weight=1)
meta <- list(date="June 11,2016",author="Vladimir Batagelj")
leg <- list(mode=mod,sex=sx,rel=rel)
inf <- list(network="bib",org=1,nNodes=n,nArcs=m,
  title="Example for EUSN'16",legend=leg,meta=meta)
data <- list(NetsJSON="basic",info=inf,nodes=nods,links=lnks)
json <- file("bib.json","w"); cat(toJSON(data),file=json); close(json)
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[bib.json](#), [picture](#): [bib](#)

There exists an excellent library [D3.js](#) for interactive data visualization on the web (and locally) in SVG format. Most of the network data for D3.js are prepared in the JSON format. Many nice D3.js based network visualization solutions were developed:

- Force: [Force-Directed Graph](#), [Force Layout & Matrix Market Format](#), [3D Force Layout](#); [An A to Z of extra features for the d3 force layout](#)
- Directed: [Directed Graph Editor](#), [Directed Edges \(Curves and Arrow Markers\)](#), [Mobile Patent Suits](#)
- Other: [Co-occurrence Matrix](#), [Hive Plots](#), [Chord Diagram](#), [Hierarchical Edge Bundling](#)
- Applications: [Linked JAZZ](#), [Ontology Visualization](#), [Visualizing Package Dependencies](#), [Connectome explorer for the "brain" of C. elegans](#), [Gene functional interaction networks](#)
- More: [D3 gallery](#), [The Big List of D3.js Examples - Christophe Viau](#), [Over 2000 D3.js Examples and Demos](#)



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