

DS2500

2/21 - Fri

Admin

- mini prez

- slides (PDF) 2/23 9pm

- prepos 2/24, 2/25

- semester project

- proposal due 2/28 9pm

- less OH next week

- 2/28 no class!

Agenda

1. Format - JSON

2. Source - API

3. Python

} data sources

1. Format - JSON

↳ today's data: NASA!

- astronomy pic of the day
- weather on mars

json data can be:

1. saved in a file `nm.json`

2. retrieved from API call

json data:

- structured (like a CSV file)

- easy to work with, predictable

- structured like a dictionary

eg `{ 'a': 1, 'b': 2 }`

↳ `nm.json`

- json library makes it easy to convert to python version

Data sources other:

- CSV Files

- structured

- missing/incomplete data

- download, move to dir

- web scraping

- human error

- organized in tags `<u>`

- semi structured

- data in tags, b/w tags

- more real-time

in json file

with `open(file, 'r')` as `jfile`:
`data = json.load(jfile)`

↳ data is now a dictionary

(ex) Astronomy Pic $\longrightarrow$ want the image or
data = json.load(jfile)

```
{"copyright": "Roberto Marinoni", "date": "2025-02-13", "explanation": "Riding high Auriga, beautiful, blue VdB 31 is the 31st object in Sidney van den Bergh's 19 nebulae. It shares this well-composed celestial still life with dark, obscure interstellar dust clouds. Barnard's dark nebulae block the light from background dust preferentially reflects bluish starlight from embedded, hot, variable stars the environs of AB Aurigae with the Hubble Space Telescope has revealed the star is itself surrounded by a flattened dusty disk with evidence for the ongoing planetary system. AB Aurigae is about 470 light-years away. At that distance it span about eight light-years.", "hdurl": "https://apod.nasa.gov/apod/image/2502/Vdb31_Astrobin2048.jpg", "vice_version": "v1", "title": "Reflections on VdB 31", "url": "https://apod.nasa.gov/apod/image/2502/Vdb31_Astrobin1024.jpg"}
```

data["url"]

now, we can:

- just open the url in a browser
- render the img in matplotlib
- generate a web page w/ the img

(ex) weather on mars $\longrightarrow$

```
{  "675": {    "AT": {      "av": -62.314,      "ct": 177556,      "mn": -96.872,      "mx": -15.908    },    "First_UTC": "2020-10-19T18:32:20Z",    "HWS": {      "av": 7.233,      "ct": 88628,      "mn": 1.051,      "mx": 22.455    },    "Last_UTC": "2020-10-20T19:11:55Z",    "Month_ordinal": 10,    "Northern_season": "early winter",    "PRE": {      "av": 750.563,      "ct": 887776,      "mn": 722.0901,      "mx": 768.791    },    "Season": "fall",    "Southern_season": "early summer",    "WD": {      "0": {        "compass_degrees": 0.0,      }    }  }
```

675, 676, etc. are keys

they are sols

key = 675

value = { "AT": ~, "HWS": ~ }

AT = atmospheric temp

av = avg temp

- want to: print all avg temps for all sols

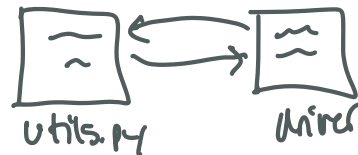
```
for key, val in data.items():  
    print(key) # sol  
    print(val["AT"]["av"])
```

2. APIs

$\hookrightarrow$ another way we get data in json format

like calling a function,
but on the internet

normally ...

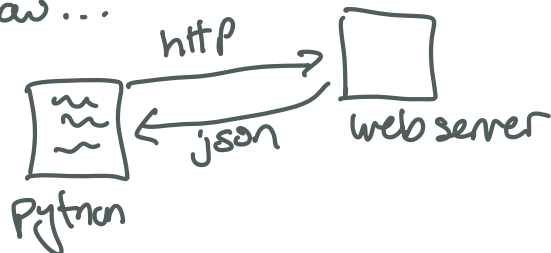


python invoking
more python

APIs are (usually):

- access data owned by org/co.
- agnostic to prog. language
- returns structured data (json)
- takes params via URL

now ...



HTTP:

- in Python, make HTTP request
- get: gather data (ex: 20 comments on r(123))
- post: put data on internet (ex: post a comment on r(123))

url: `https://2pi~.com/function?p1="x"&p2="y"`

function

params

In Python: `requests.get(url, params)`

↳ gives us HTTP response
we turn into json

Pros/cons of API:

- real-time :"
- doesn't take up storage :"
- might be \$\$\$:"
- could change overnight :"
- have to read the documentation :"

3. Python

Today's goal:

- read in Astro Pic and weather json files
- print img url, temps on mars
- get some data in real time from API
- render img in matplotlib, create a webpage

Need in Python:

import json - read json
import requests - http get

url open
from PIL import Image
matplotlib

→ render
img

Switch `open(file, 'r')` to `jfile`:
`data = json.load(jfile)`

```
resp = requests.get(url, params)  
resp.json()
```

```
plt.imshow()
```

need from NASA:

- api keys!
- api key is a param when calling API function
- api.nasa.gov